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JAPANESE ATTACK ON FOREIGN TRADE

JAPAN MAY WITHDRAW AMBASSADOR

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese resentment about lack of conciliation on the Soviet side regarding the renewal of the fisheries agreement is so strong that recall of the Japanese Ambassador from Moscow in the case of a complete failure of the negotiations is believed in question.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" claims to know that such a measure is being considered in Government quarters in order to stress the importance which Japan attributes to the protection of her fishing rights. The Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, following a conference between Prince Konoye and competent Ministers yesterday, received new instructions for an immediate discussion with M. Litvinoff.

"APPROPRIATE MEASURES"

The "Tokyo Asahi Shimbun" regards the breakdown of negotiations as inevitable. The Japanese Government is revolved, it says, to adopt "appropriate measures" to safeguard its fishing rights.

The Japanese naval spokesman, Admiral Kanzawa, declares that the Japanese navy is prepared to protect Japanese fishing rights. He declined to indicate the nature of the measures which would be taken.—Trans-Ocean.

STATE LOTTERY FOR GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.

A new law announced by the Reich Government yesterday provides for replacement of the numerous regional lotteries in the Reich by a single unified Reichs lottery.

The Prussia, South German, Saxon, Hamburg and other lotteries familiar to every visitor to Germany will thus disappear.

Announcement regarding the new lottery and drawing dates will be made in May 1939.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai, To-day.
Considerable apprehension is felt in Shanghai business circles regarding the meeting of the joint commission of the Nanking and Peiping "provisional governments," which is discussing vital matters concerning trade, under Japanese tuition.

First meeting of the commission, in which the delegation of the Nanking "Reformed Government" is led by Liang Hung-chi, and the Peiping group by Wang Keh-min, was held yesterday, and it is believed that certain decisions have already been taken.

Shanghai's anxiety is specially directed towards reliable reports that tariff revisions were approved which will have the effect of favouring Japanese imports almost to the exclusion of foreign.

The agenda also includes steps for the regulation of raw material exports postal administration, control of trade, and new taxation.

The adhesion of the newly formed puppet administration in Canton to the Joint Commission will also come up for discussion.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

Berlin, To-day.

A German scientific expedition left Hamburg yesterday for the Antarctic to carry out various experiments.

The ship, "Schwabenland" which has been used by the German Luft-hansa as a floating base for the South American service is being used for the trip. It will carry two aeroplanes for observations.—Trans-Ocean.

DR. GOEBBELS ILL

Berlin, To-day.

The Reichs Minister of Propaganda, Dr. Goebbels, is suffering from acute intestinal influenza and will be confined to bed for several days, it is announced.

He will be unable to speak at the large Christmas festival planned for this evening and will be represented by the Reich Commissioner for the winter relief work, Hilgenfeldt.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.

British Airways had to suspend service yesterday owing to bad weather and fog over England and the Channel.—Trans-Ocean.

I.R.A. ARRESTS IN BELFAST

Belfast, To-day.

The Minister for Home Affairs in Northern Ireland has issued a communique stating that the Government of Northern Ireland had decided to arrest a number of leaders of the illegal organisation known as "Irish Republican army" in order to prevent breaches of peace and outrages.

It is added that 34 members of the organisation have been taken into custody.

It is alleged that the Irish Republican army planned various attacks on public buildings as well as on official personalities at Christmas.—Trans-Ocean.

"MISSING" YOUTH RETURNS

Ronald Egan, who has been "missing" for two or three days, returned to his home in Hillwood Road this morning.

He had returned from Macao on his own initiative in the hope of obtaining a situation on an outgoing steamer, and had not heard the radio appeals or seen newspapers announcing his disappearance.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARY UPSETS POLAND

Warsaw, To-day.

Hungary's obvious intention of abandoning the campaign to establish a common frontier with Poland at the cost of Carpatho-Ukraine has deeply disappointed political circles in Poland.

The "Wieczor Warszawski" expresses the opinion that Hungary will make an early attempt to apply the right of "self-determination" of nationalities to the Hungarian minority in Rumania, which means that Hungary has decided to abandon hope of annexing Carpatho-Ukraine.—Trans-Ocean.

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Annihilation When Severed from Britain

SAYS HITLER in Mein Kampf: "One has to realise this plain fact very clearly: **THE INEXORABLE ARCH-ENEMY OF THE GERMAN NATION IS FRANCE.** It does not matter who rules France or who has ruled or will rule France, whether Bourbons, or Jacobins, Bonapartists or Democrats, clerical Republicans or red Bolsheviks: the final aim of her foreign policy will always be the attempt to occupy the Rhine frontier and the securing of this river for France by dissolving and smashing Germany." The passage is omitted from the English version.

Hitler lashes the Social Democratic leaders of post-war Germany who courted France's favours. They thought that the Frenchmen had changed their minds and now regarded Germany with friendly eye. These German politicians must have realised the truth pretty soon but still the fools proceeded with their policy of grovel instead of making more useful alliances.

France Wanted Payment For Spilled Blood

Surely by the winter of 1922-3, when the French marched into the Ruhr, it was obvious what they were up to! Could anybody believe any longer that France had staked all her blood for four years in the most decisive struggle of her history just to get reparations for the damages endured?

Not even the recovery of Alsace-Lorraine could explain the furious energy of the French war leaders in prosecuting the struggle—unless it is realised that this was only a part of a larger plan. What was that plan? The dissolution of Germany into a number of small states! This is what the French imperia-

lists fought for, this is what they proclaimed they were fighting for. Tiger Clemenceau, implacable enemy of Germany, declared: "France must break her to pieces." In doing this the French were, of course selling their own people as mercenaries of the international world Jew. For the Jews could never achieve their dream of world domination while Germany remained united and strong. France was the chosen instrument of the Chosen People for smashing up Germany.

If the great battles of the war had been fought on German soil, and not on French or Polish, if the struggle had raged along the banks of the Elbe, the Ruhr, or the Main instead of on the Somme or the Flanders rivers—then France would have reached her goal.

This was the tremendous service that the German army rendered, that it forced the enemy to fight on the field of his own territory. But for this the French would have overrun the Reich, and every kind of disintegrating force would have been released. There would have been no Reich at all, but only a group of "independent" (and 'impotent') German States.

France sought to make good the omission. After the war she did all within her power to paralyse Germany. Clemenceau was frank about it; France was still "carrying on the war." (Clemenceau's historic phrase in rallying France in 1917 was "Je fais la guerre."—Editor.) Clemenceau regarded the seizure of the Ruhr by France as a natural sequel to the offensive of 1918.

At Versailles Germany had almost deserved the torments she received. Her negotiators were such contemptible stuff. They almost justified

"BREAK GER-MANY TO PIECES" — these were the words of the indomitable, the implacable enemy of Germany, "TIGER", CLEMENCEAU, France's war-time Premier.



the insolent remark of Lloyd George that "the Germans do not understand how to choose men of brains and spirit as their leaders and representatives." Alas! not even a genius could have got anywhere then in the face of the decisive power of the enemy and the terrible defencelessness of our people.

Hatred Burned But Never Flamed

As it was, the German politicians failed to snatch even the negative advantages of the penal peace of Versailles and its damnable Treaty—Versailles, each point of which might have been burned into the brain and heart of the nation until finally the common shame and the common hatred would have become a sea of flaming fire in the minds of sixty millions of men and women, until out of the glowing mass a will of steel would have emerged and a cry "We will be armed as others are armed!" But no, nothing was done: who can wonder that the German nation is not what it ought to be and might be?

France herself of course, broke the Treaty of Versailles over and over again. In the matter of the Ruhr invasion, for example, she placed herself against the other Guarantee Powers England and Italy.

Well, here was fate once more offering Germany the chance of asserting herself. England by this time

had got wise to the French game. It was by no means to the interest of England to see Germany's backbone finally shattered in order to establish for ever the economic as well as the military ascendancy of France. In fact, deprived England of all the industrial advantages she had gained at such fearful cost by the war.

Italy, too, was finally estranged from France. Indeed, from the very moment that the war ended that friendship had ceased to be exactly rosy. Now it turned to positive hatred. The hour was at hand when the allies of yesterday might have become the foes of to-morrow. That this did not happen was due to the fact that instead of Germany having an Enver Pasha at her head she had the wretched Chancellor Cuno.

"What could you expect! Of course, it was incredible folly to expect traitors to become suddenly fighters for Germany's liberation. A Marxist is as likely to turn from treason as a hyena will turn from carrion!"

Let us reconsider now, says Hitler, what could and should be done.

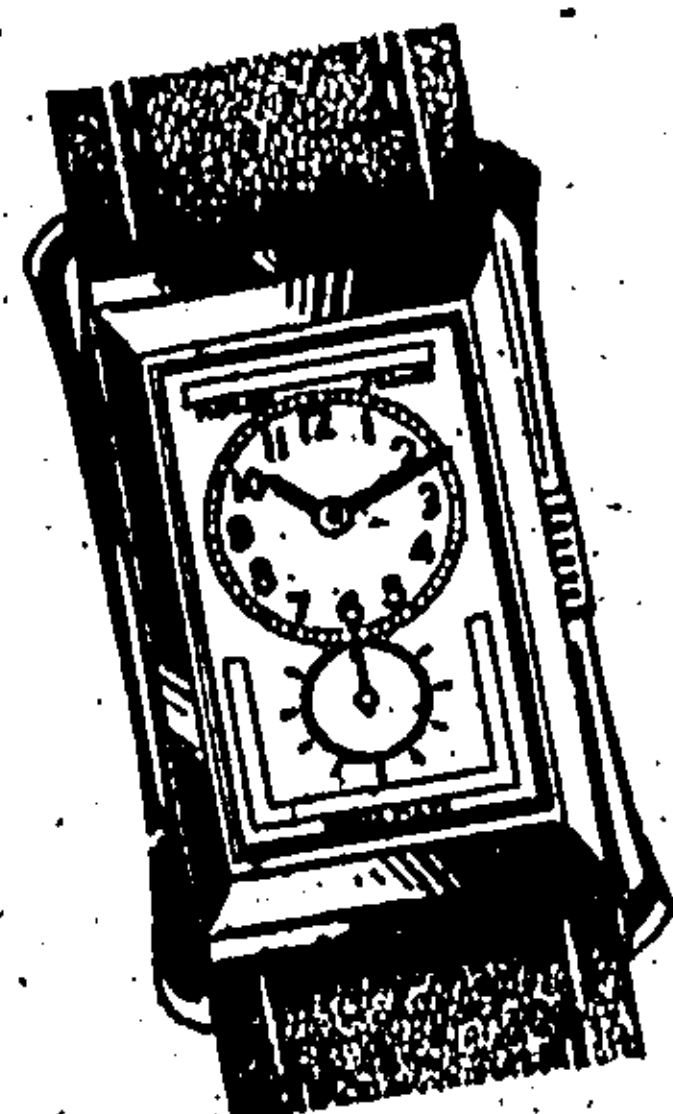
France's military power presses upon England. Once Germany's colonial and commercial challenge to England had been broken that country's need for close association with France was over.

Italy, too, has no reason to love—or even tolerate—the French any

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Tearing up the Versailles Treaty, Hitler shocks the French by re-occupation of the Rhineland in 1936. German troops enter Freiburg-im-Breisgau.

FOR FRANCE... THE BRUTAL FIST

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more. Italy's future is plainly bound up with developing the Mediterranean as her zone of power. Italy threw in her lot with France in the Great War only in order to strike a deadly blow at her ancient oppressor and sole rival for the Adriatic—the Austro-Hungarian empire.

Now there need be no point of conflict anywhere between England, Italy and Germany. The obvious thing is an alliance. It would not mean war. The only Power that might object would be France—and France would be in no situation to do anything about it. The Anglo-German Alliance would hold the reins in Europe, and the French would cease to do so. The new partners would be in many ways the technical and economic supplementary of each other.

The Plan For Settling France

Of course there would be difficulties. However, there were far greater

difficulties in bringing about the Anglo-French Entente but King Edward VII pulled it off. Then there will also be the inevitable spiteful yapping of enemies of the German race at home. The National Socialist must harden himself against this "public opinion" controlled, distorted and driven crazy by Jewish cunning in exploiting German lack of thought. "To-day we are but a rock in the river; in a few years Fate may erect us a dam against which the general stream will be broken, only to flow forward in a new bed."

For Germany the duty is to put all sentimental emotions and considerations into the background, to hold out the hand to those States who, threatened by France's lust of power and revenge, like us, do not want or intend to stand it any longer. "No handicap can be too high, no sacrifice too great, if the final result offers Germany a chance of overthrowing her grimmest hater. Let Germany therefore choose from

the small circle of available allies those who can help her best to strike the fatal blow at her enemy. And let Germany never fail to realise who IS the arch-enemy. It is FRANCE." (This also does not appear in the English version).

Further, let there be no bones about the way the job is to be carried out. Halfbaked only was the former German "solution" of the Alsace-Lorraine problem. "Instead of smashing with a brutal fist the head of the French hydra, but allowing the Alsations equal rights, the Germans did neither. The chief betrayers of their country kept their places in the largest parties."

How is the matter to be brought to the desired conclusion? How is this nation, this Negro Power, spurred on by Jews, which sins against all civilisation by infecting white mankind with inferior black blood, to be brought to account for the attempted ruin of Europe?

By remaining passive Germany has lost one position after another.

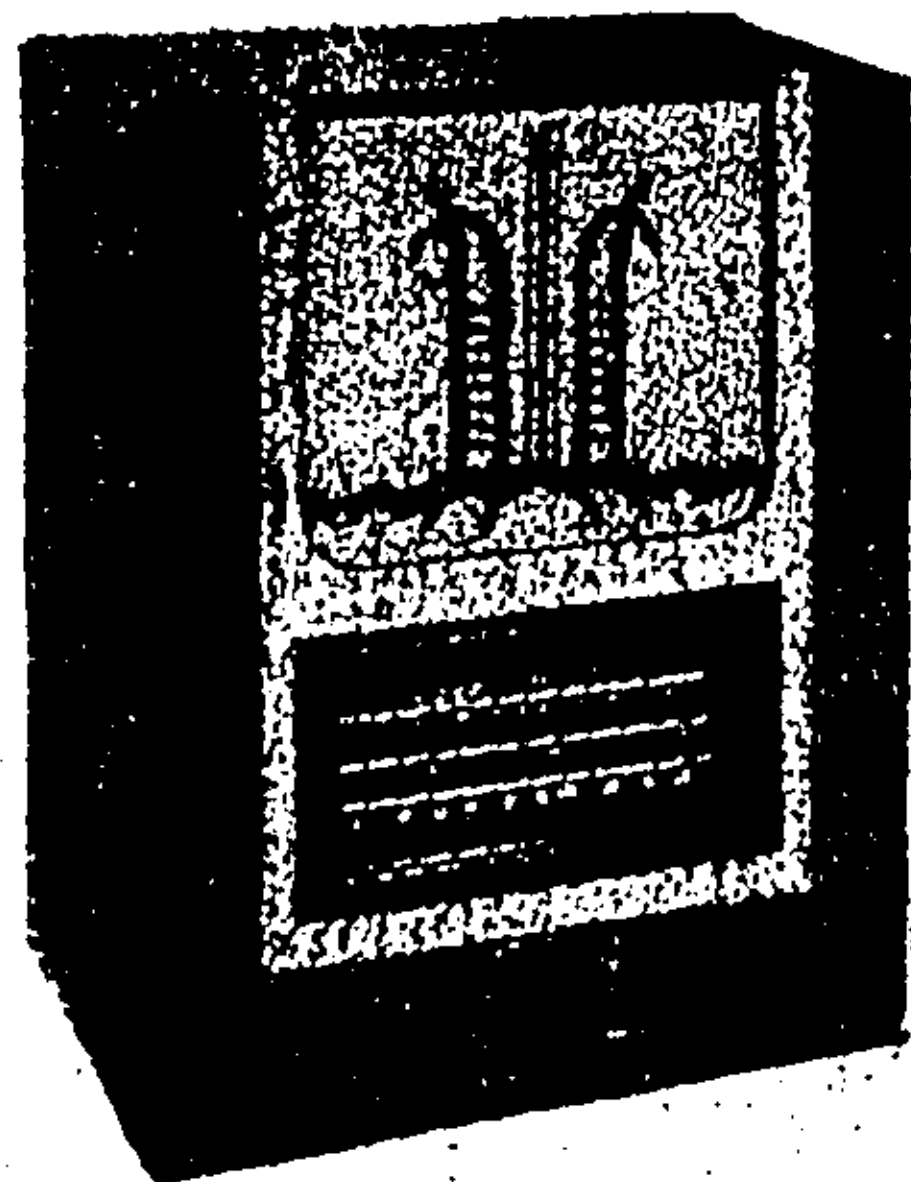
This passive attitude is the reason for Germany's decline throughout the ages. Germany must understand at last that the eternal conflict between herself and France will not be solved by merely defending herself against a French attack. No! No! Germany must assume the offensive.

This, says Hitler (not in the English version) is the Plan. Within the frame-work of the Triple Alliance of England, Italy, Germany, the Germans may prepare quickly and undisturbed for the final settlement with France. France will be isolated. The hour of her annihilation will be the inauguration of a new and glorious era of German expansion!

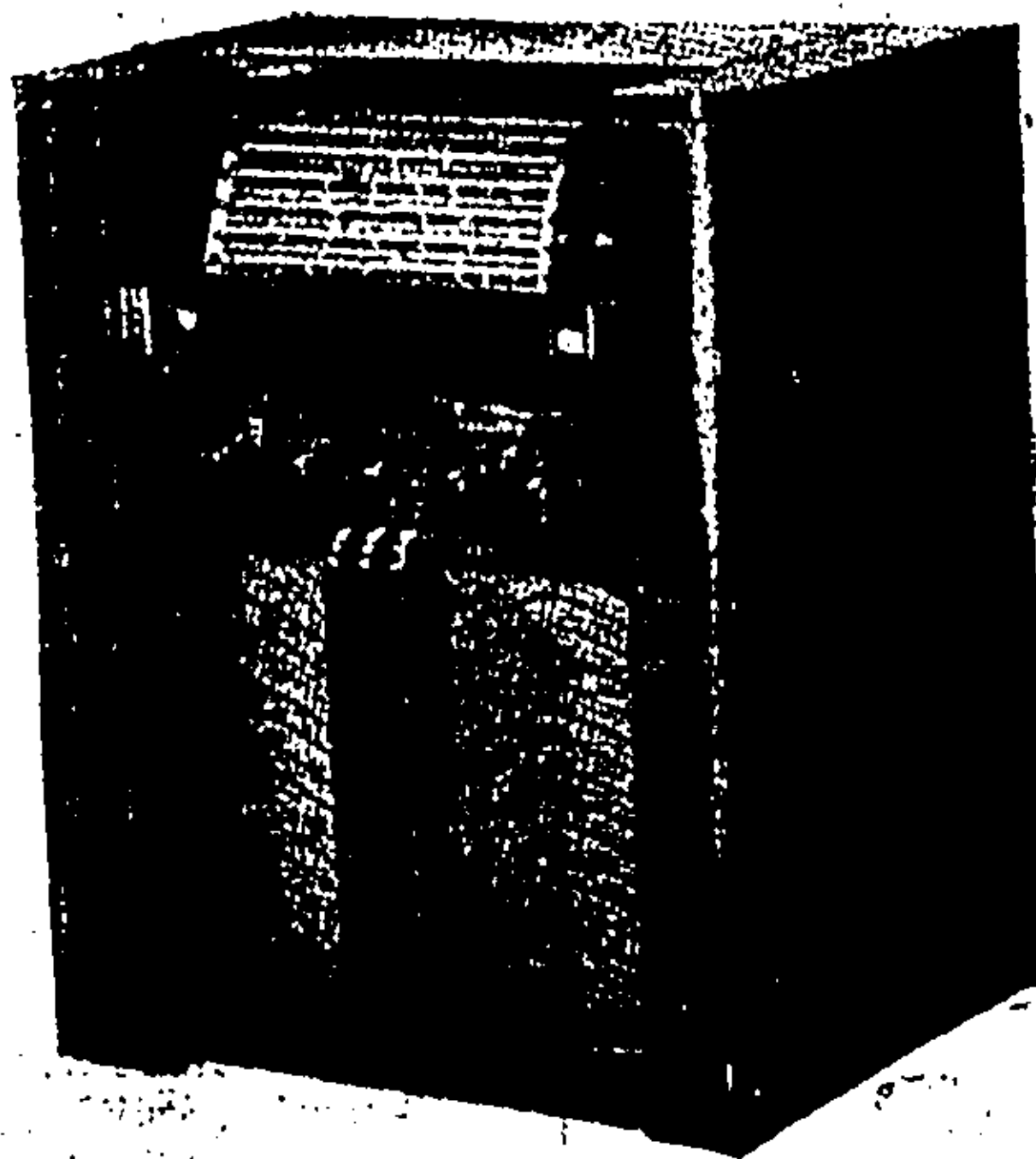
To-morrow Hitler unfolds the final prospect of Nazi imperialism.

These articles are an examination of the policy expounded in "Mein Kampf," based on both the original German version and the special translated English edition. The English translation is published by Hurst and Blackett at 5s.

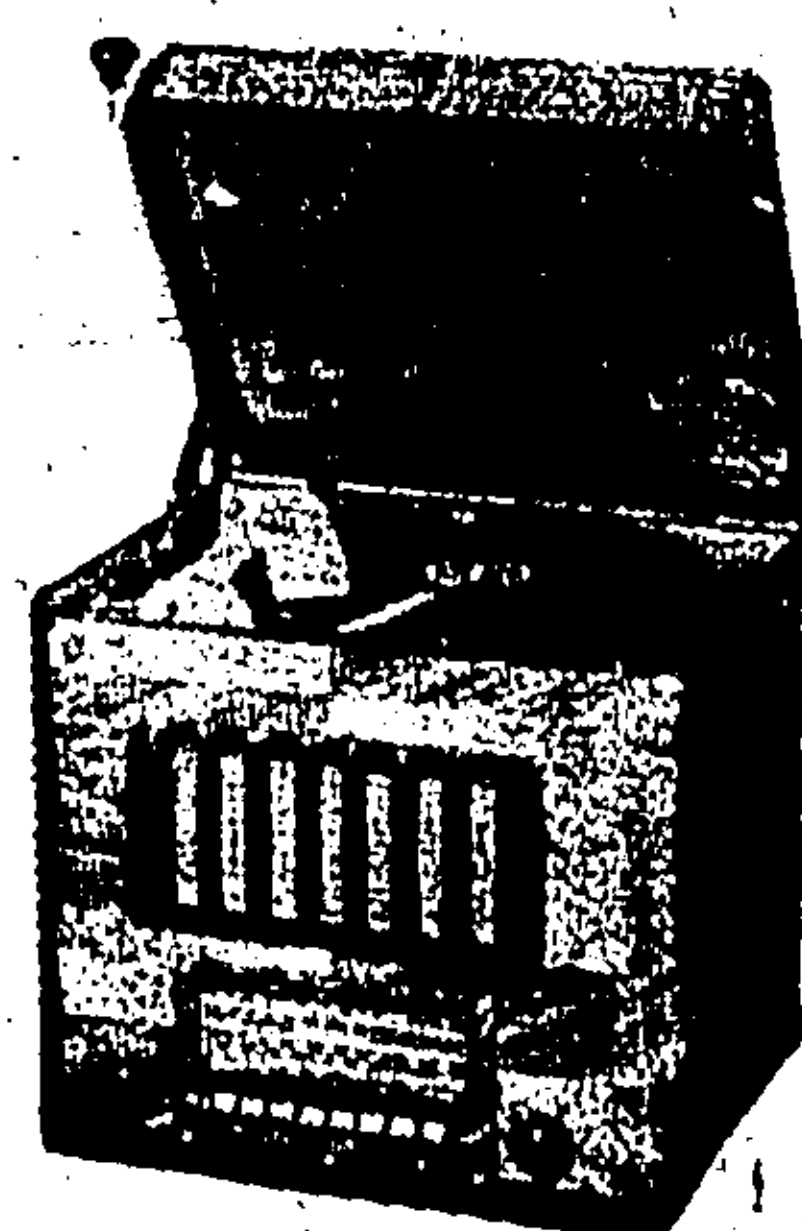
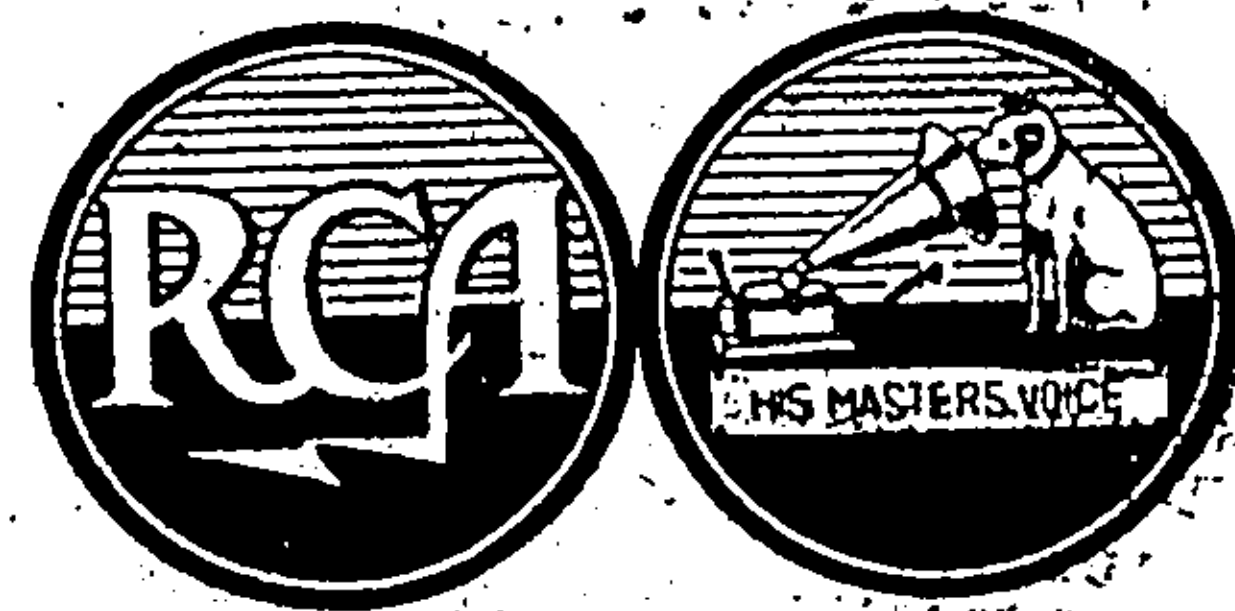
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Local forecast:— N. E. winds.
fresh; cloudy generally.

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The various committees responsible for the organisation of the ball have been working at full pressure for some time and the stage is now fully set for this, the first of the big social events of the season.

The entire aspect of the Peninsula Hotel has been altered for the occasion. In the courtyard, by the fountain, is a plaster cast of St. Andrew, constructed by Mr. George Duncan, who acted for years as convenor of the Decoration Committee and whose son, Mr. Andrew Duncan, is now serving in a similar capacity, while over the canopy at the entrances to the main doors, is a large crest of the Clan Davidson, of which the Chief, Mr. W. Kay is a member.

Both the Rose Room and the Roof Garden have been requisitioned and ample accommodation is assured for dancers.

Over the dais in the Rose Room is another Davidson crest, while in the Roof Garden is displayed the crest of the Clan Morrison, in honour of the Vice-Chieftain, Mr. K. S. Morrison.

Around the pillars in both rooms, shields of the numerous Scots clans represented afford a picturesque spectacle, while the predominating feature of other decorations are pictures of Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Castle and other typically Scots scenes.

As is customary, prior to the official opening of the Ball, the Chieftain of the Society will hold a dinner party at the Hotel.

At 9.30 the Ball will officially be opened with a procession in the following order:—Pipers, bodyguard furnished by the Scottish Coy. of the H.K.V.D.C., Chieftain accompanied by

H. E. Sir Percy Noble, Vice-Chieftain, accompanied by Lady Noble, supported by Past Presidents and members of the General Committee.

On arrival at the Rose Room, the procession will be welcomed by Mrs. Kay, supported by the wives of Past Presidents.

The first dance will be State Lancers by the combined Chieftain's and Vice-Chieftain's sets making a "sixteensome," and dancing will then continue until the end of the eighth dance. At approximately 11.15, when the Official Party will form for supper. They will be piped in by the Society's pipers.

The traditional toast will be proposed by the Chieftain.

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The reasons for supporting China became daily more formidable, he said, through Japanese depredations on British interests.

The United States, by granting China credit borrowing facilities, underlined the spirit of financial co-operation by saying that this may well be only the beginning.

"I am gratified by many indications, even definite steps, that Britain, with still more vital interests at stake than the United States, is now fully aroused to the menacing realities.

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LONDON GETS A THAW

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With relief from the frost, south-east Essex in the afternoon found its transport difficulties renewed by the descent of a very dense fog.

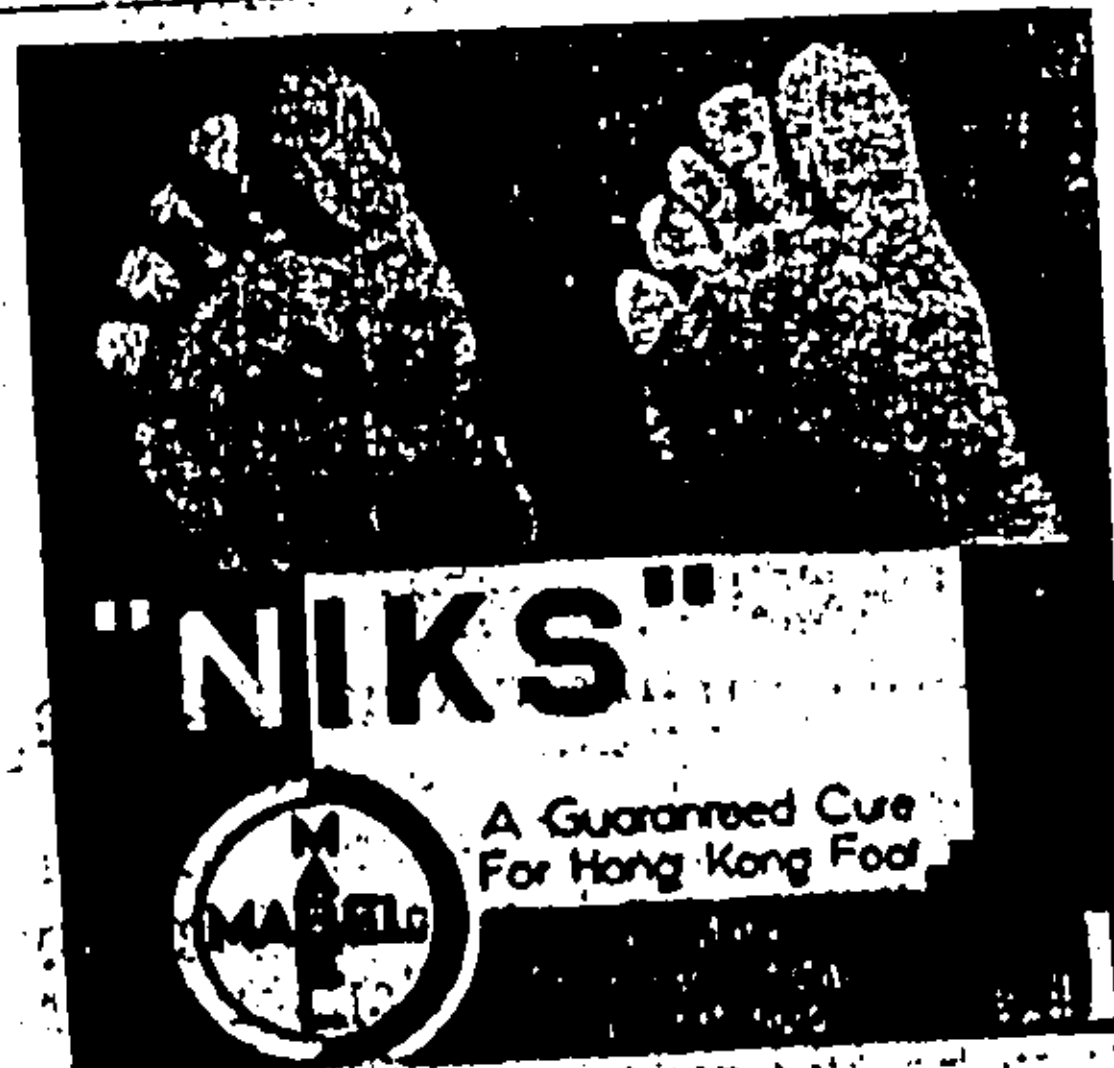
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Three Imperial Airways Empire flying boats, with 9 tons of Christmas Mail, are weatherbound at Southampton.—British Wireless.

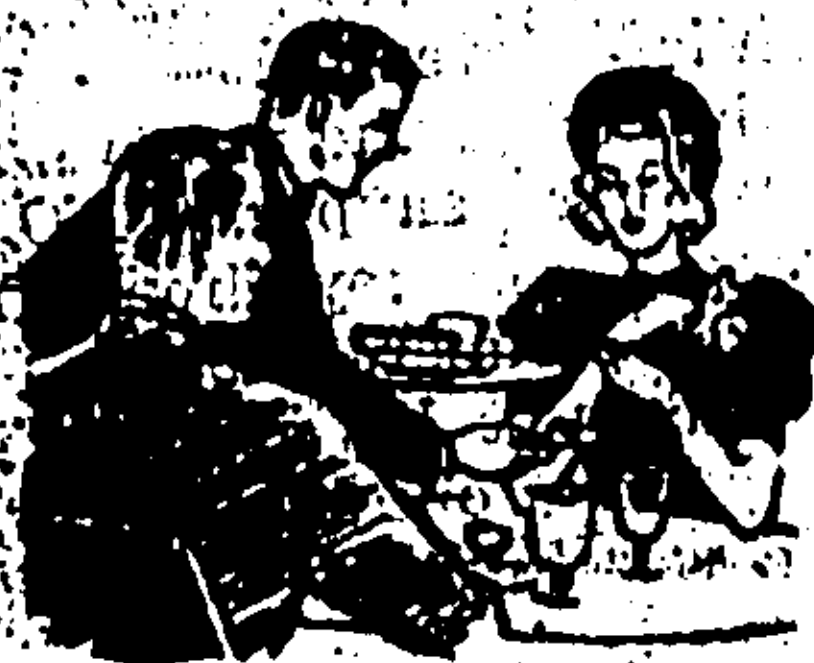
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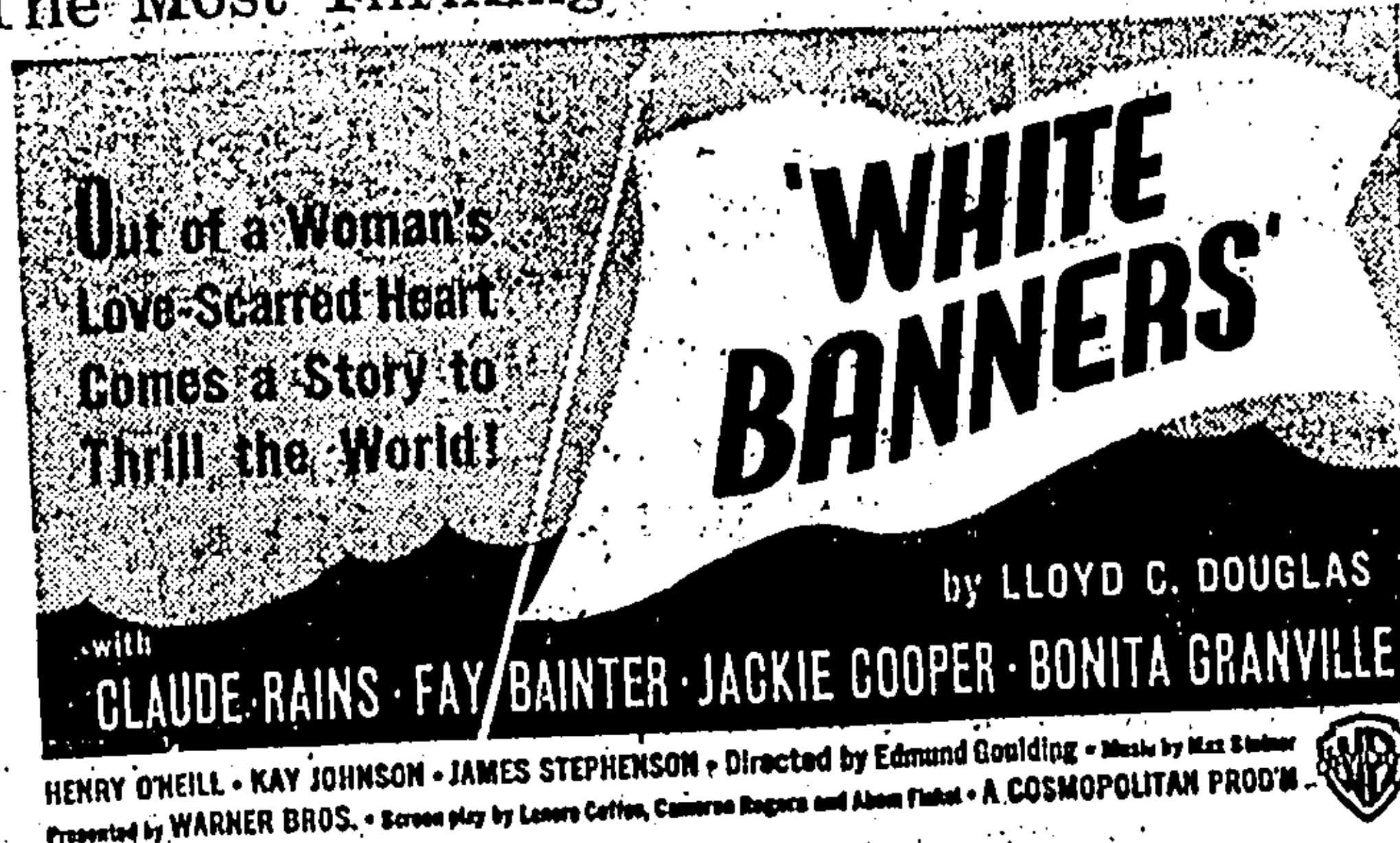
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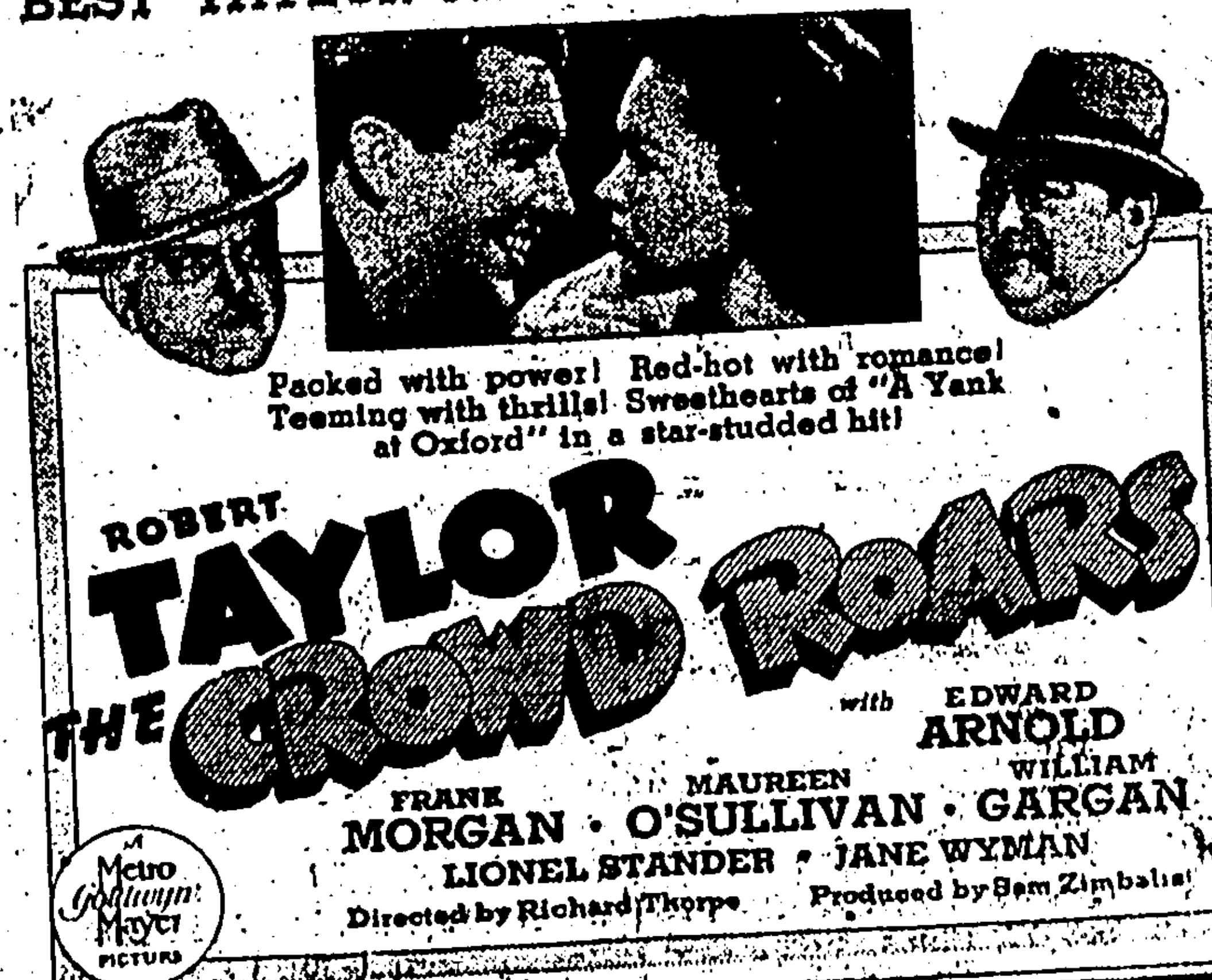


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"UNITED COUNCIL" MAY HIT BACK AT U.S. AND BRITAIN

Peiping, To-day.

The first retaliatory blow against the British and American credits to China may emerge from the united council of the "provisional governments" of Peiping and Nanking, which opened yesterday.

The agenda includes the cotton trade in North China, control of export trade generally and Customs matters.

The latter embraces possible upward revision of the tariffs especially those affecting imports from other countries than Japan, and luxuries like wine, spirits and tobacco.

British and American enterprises would be seriously affected thereby.

The united council is not considering formation of a "federal government."

It is believed the Japanese military authorities have found it necessary to postpone the idea indefinitely owing to their complete failure to persuade any prominent Chinese to emerge under their banner. — Reuter.

SIR T. INSKIP OFFERS RESIGNATION

London, To-day.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, is alleged to have offered his resignation to Mr. Chamberlain, who, according to the "Evening News" refused to accept it.

No statement on the subject from official sources is forthcoming.

The "Evening News" says that Sir Thomas offered his resignation in order to facilitate eventual re-organisation of the Cabinet.— Trans-Ocean.

EX-COMMUNISTS SET FREE

Nuremberg, To-day.

A group of 18 former Communists were released from the Dachau concentration camp yesterday on the authorisation of Julius Streicher.

They were taken to the Hotel Deutscherhof where Herr Streicher had arranged a Christmas play for them and their relatives.

After a speech, he presented each with a present and assured them that they were now returning to the German national community and could rely upon his assistance. — Trans-Ocean.

THEFT FROM SAPPER

Kwan Wing-kwong, 20, coolie, was fined \$5 or two weeks' by Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when he pleaded guilty to stealing \$28 from Sapper L. Martin, of the Royal Engineers, yesterday.

While defendant was being searched after the money was missed, another sapper, W. O. James, saw some money drop from accused's trousers to the ground. Accused put his foot on it. The money was found intact when accused was told to lift his foot.

The loss of money, jewellery and clothing to the value of \$197, has been reported by Tan Man-chun, of No. 141 Caine Road. His house was broken into by a verandah door; between 8 and 9 a.m. on Thursday.

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Japanese Encouragement In China Alleged

Mr. R. A. Butler Gives Picture Of Situation

London, To-day.

Lt.-Comm. R. T. H. Fletcher (Labour, Nuneaton) raised matters in the House of Commons yesterday on the motion for the Christmas adjournment arising from the Report of the Advisory Committee on drugs at Geneva.

He reviewed the proceedings there, and asked what was the "vigorous action" being taken by the British Government in accordance with the resolution regarding drug traffic passed at Geneva.

The resolution, it will be recalled, reiterated that the situation in China was deteriorating under Japanese influence.

Lt.-Comm. Fletcher referred to the situation in Hong Kong, where the local Government was unable to cope with the drug traffic.

There were over 3,000 heroin dens in Hong Kong, and over 300,000 opium and heroin pills consumed there daily, while there were 40,000 opium addicts.

Lt.-Comm. Fletcher mentioned Russel Pasha's Report and "his allegations in respect of the drug traffic in areas under direct and indirect Japanese control."

DRUGS FOLLOW THE FLAG

Lt.-Comm. Fletcher charged that Japan was undoing the League's good work and fostering illicit drug traffic all over the world as an instrument of policy to promote the degradation of the Chinese.

If those charges were true, he would like to ask the House how far we could call Japan a civilised nation.

He had never had a very great admiration for the British slogan that trade follows the flag, but he preferred it to the Japanese slogan that drugs follow the flag.

Lt.-Comm. Fletcher quoted reported facts and figures in the course of a scathing indictment of Japan in connection with drugs.

HEROIN EVIL

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying, gave the House information derived by the Government from various parts of the Far East.

One very serious feature in the growth of the traffic was the growth in the use of heroin, which was far more serious than the use of opium — itself a terrible and gripping vice.

After referring to the steps now being taken by the British and Japanese authorities in mutually communicating information regarding proceedings and movements of persons known to be engaged in the illicit traffic, Mr. Butler said that although it might not give an immediate solution of a grave problem, at least it meant we were, in closer touch with the representatives of Japan, and that thus we will be able to illustrate the gravity we attach to the matter.

NO EVIDENCE

Mr. Butler, reviewing the position, said that from information in

the possession of the Foreign Secretary, there was no evidence that the increase of the drug traffic in China was the outcome of any deliberate plan on the part of the Japanese Government, or aimed at systematic demoralisation of the Chinese people.

He thought the diagnosis which most correctly fitted into this extremely grave position was somewhat as follows:

"Reports we receive from North China seem to confirm the statements made at the meeting of the Opium Advisory Committee last June.

"In North China, before the Japanese occupation in 1937, attempts were being made by the Chinese Central Government to enforce the drastic opium and narcotic laws which they had promulgated in 1935.

"There are indications that they were to some extent being successful.

"Since the Japanese occupation of this region, these deterrents have to a large extent disappeared. It is as these deterrents disappear that the position seems to us to get worse.

OPIUM DENS

"In February, over thirty Chinese Government ordinances were repealed by the Peiping 'provisional government,' and in May it was announced that the Peiping Tax Administration had decided to allow the opening of 300 opium dens.

"The 'provisional government' has issued certain ordinances for control of the traffic, the effect of which it has not yet been possible to estimate."

WATCH EFFECT

His Majesty's Government would watch the effect of the new ordinances.

He was bound to give the House the information he possessed, and it appeared to His Majesty's Government that since the formal repeal of the Chinese Government's ordinances, opium pipes and smoking accessories began to be offered openly for sale on stalls and in markets in Peiping.

Innumerable drug establishments had been opened until at present there was scarcely a single store where drugs could not be bought openly and indulged in.

CENTRAL CHINA

The Foreign Secretary had no definite information beyond the published Budget figures for 1938 regarding Manchuria, but a report on the drug situation had been called for from the British representative there.

Conditions in Central China did not appear to be so serious. The Nanking "provisional government" had recently promulgated ordinances aimed at controlling the traffic but he was unable to give definite information as regards their likely result.

Mr. Butler said that taken together with the information he gave about the growth of the heroin traffic, there would be seen that there had been distinct increases in these in various parts of the Far East.

In the Government's view there had been an increase in the traffic.

NO INFORMATION

The Foreign Secretary had no information on the attitude of the Japanese military authorities to the trade in heroin, which appeared chiefly to emanate from Tientsin and was often carried on by Korean camp-followers.

The Government intended to continue close examination of the matter in company with other governments as being preferable to individual action.

The matter was then dropped.—Reuter.

SENTENCED IN ABSENTIA

Brussels, To-day.

The commercial attache of the Soviet Russian legation in Brussels, Abraham Fourevsky, was sentenced to three months' and a 350 francs fine for theft in a Brussels department store.

Sentence was pronounced in absence of Fourevsky who cannot be traced by the Belgian authorities.—Trans-Ocean.

SERIOUS FIRE IN CENTRE OF PARIS

Paris, To-day.

A dangerous fire broke out last night in the Hotel des Invalides, which contains the sarcophagus in which lie the remains of Napoleon I, brought from St. Helena in 1840.

The fire spread with great rapidity and threatened the wing of the Hotel des Invalides inhabited by the invalids who distinguished themselves during the War.

The firemen's work was greatly hindered by the intense cold which converted the water from the hoses almost instantaneously into ice. The police Prefect and several members of the Cabinet proceeded at once to the Invalides after learning the news.—Trans-Ocean.

MANCHURIA BORDER FIGHTING DENIED

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese officials here deny that fighting has broken out between Soviet and Japanese troops on the Manchukuo border.

The officials, however, admit that thousands of Japanese troops have been ordered to the border.—Our Own Correspondent.

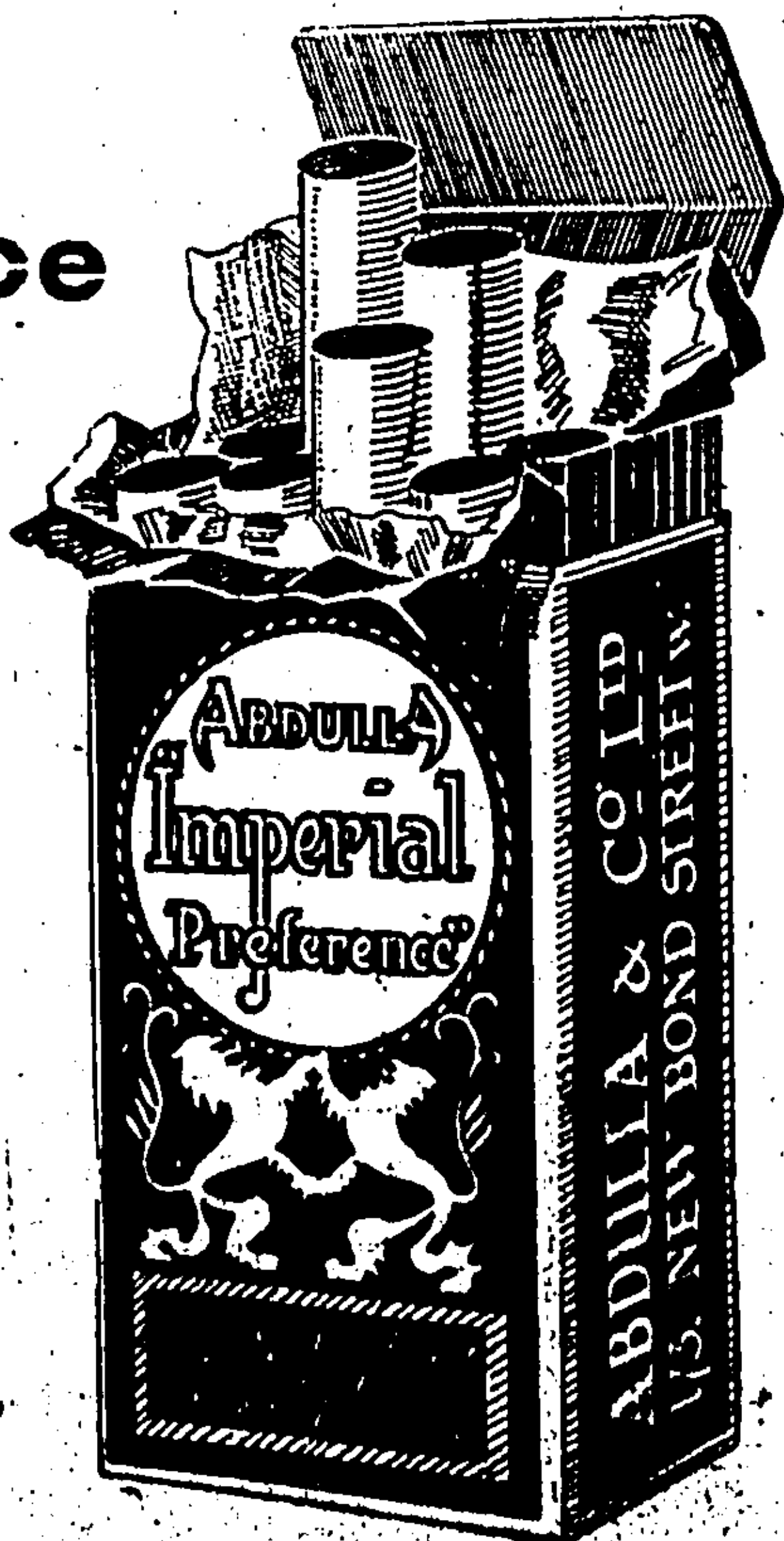
WOUNDED SOLDIER

Yip Yiu-choi was yesterday admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, with a bullet wound in his left leg, received during an action in Chinese territory about four days ago.

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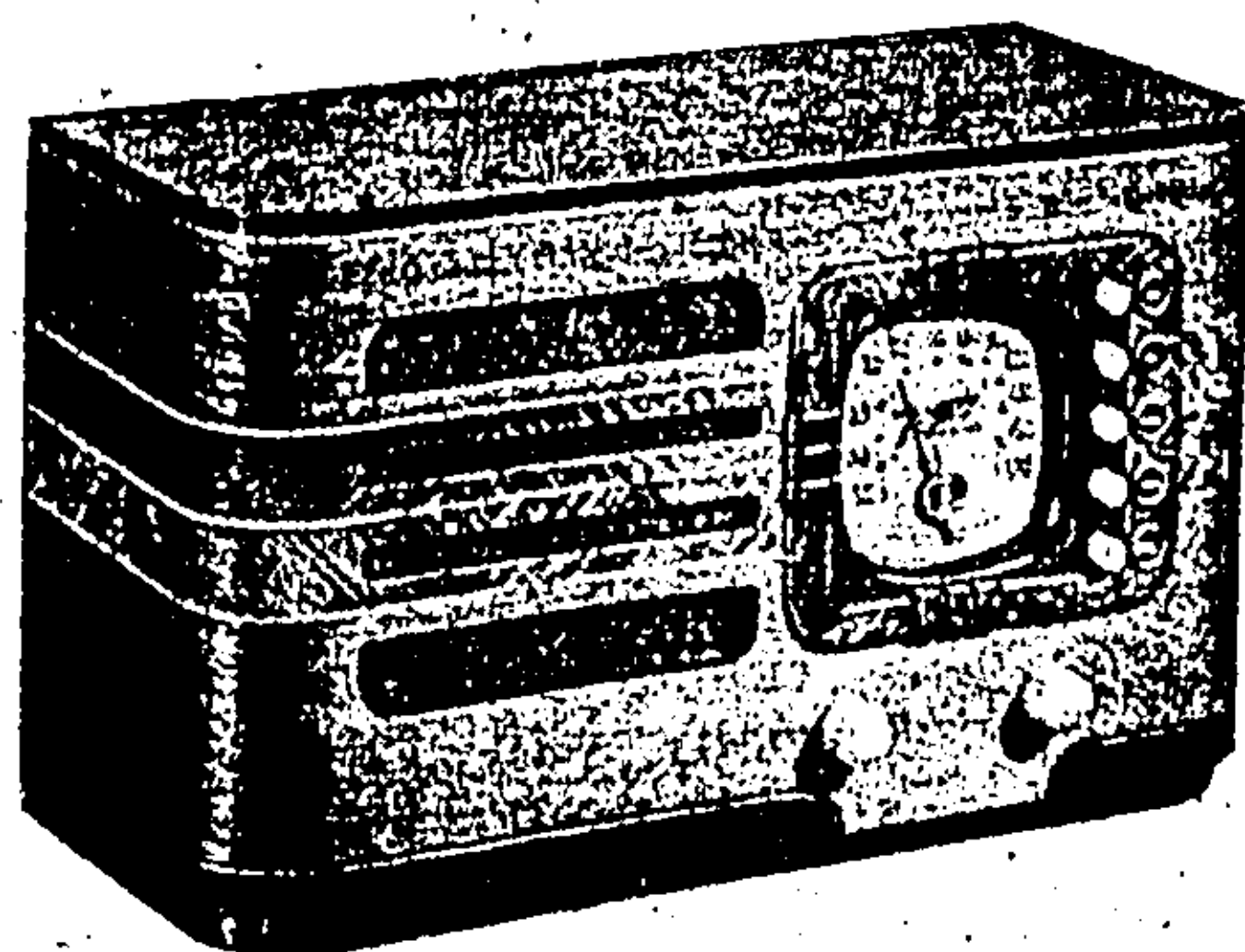


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BRITAIN'S ARP MEASURES UNDER CRITICISM

London, To-day.

The advantages of the measures for defence of the civilian population against air raids, advocated by the Lord Privy Seal, Sir John Anderson, in the House of Commons on Wednesday, were called into question on the motion for adjournment yesterday.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour), quoting Barcelona's experiences, urged a deep tunnelling system under the streets, with tunnels forty-five feet deep.

COMMONS OFF FOR CHRISTMAS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ADJOURNED YESTERDAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS RECESS UNTIL JANUARY 31.

As is now usual, adjournment motions provide for reassembly of both Houses sooner in case of need, and by an innovation in the terms of the Commons motion, allow of a summons being issued by the Chairman of Ways and Means in case of the Speaker's illness.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, moving the adjournment, declared: "I am happy to think that whatever the perils of this season may be, there is no reason to anticipate that we shall have to put the proviso into force."

The Prime Minister is leaving London to-day for Chequers, where he will spend Christmas with members of his family.

HOLIDAYS ABROAD

He will remain there until after New Year, when he goes north to stay with friends before breaking his holiday on January 10 to visit Rome with the Foreign Secretary at the invitation of Signor Mussolini.

Several members of the Cabinet will spend the holiday abroad, while others scatter to their homes in different parts of the country.—British Wireless and Reuter.

Viscount Wolmer (Conservative) expressed disappointment that no provision had been made for the use of concrete instead of steel sheets, which had created enormous casualties in Barcelona.

Barcelona had now adopted a system of underground shelters made of reinforced concrete.

ADVANTAGE OF TUNNELS

One advantage of underground tunnels was that they could serve in peacetime as a solution of London's traffic problem.

Sir John Anderson, replying, thought that deep tunnels would not provide sufficiently quick means of shelter.

Provision of concrete shelters was not ruled out, he added.—Reuter.

EARLY START OF AIR MAILES OVER ATLANTIC

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE UNITED STATES CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY YESTERDAY STATED THAT IT IS ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES "LOOKING TOWARD EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR SERVICES."

It added that lawyers for Imperial Airways have filed an application with authority for a permit to inaugurate a trans-Atlantic air service.

The application has been referred to the company's London officials for execution, and cannot receive final consideration until this and other technical requirements are fulfilled.—Reuter.

LONDON TRENCHES

London, To-day.

It has been decided with one or two exceptions to retain in reconstructed form the trenches dug in the Royal Parks in London as an A.R.P. precaution during the emergency last September.—British Wireless.



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STIFFENING U.S. POLICY

No Apology For Ickes Speech Expected

Signs Of Action Against The Totalitarians

Washington, To-day.

Well-informed quarters consider that the recent speech by the Secretary of Interior, Mr. Harold Ickes, denouncing Nazi Germany in outspoken terms, was merely one of the series of events in past days exemplifying the stiffening of American policy against the Anti-Comintern Powers.

Other indications of this stiffening are the credits for China and the distribution of food in Spain.

AMERICA'S STUDIED SNUB TO GERMANY

BLUNT REFUSAL OF APOLOGY

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, disclosed last night that the United States had rejected Germany's demand for an official apology for the speech of the Secretary of Interior on Dec. 18, in which the latter denounced Fascism as "a more refined voodooism" and an ever-present threat to the United States, France and England.

Mr. Welles' statement to the German charge d'affaires, Dr. Thomsen, was couched in strong and uncompromising terms, which the United States rarely use in diplomatic discussions with a friendly Government.

The exchange has brought an extremely sharp new strain on German-American relations.

IMPROPRIETY

Mr. Welles told the Nazi Charge d'Affaires that Germany's request came with a singular ill-grace and impropriety from a Government which so persistently permitted its controlled press and officials to attack American leaders, including President Wilson, President Roosevelt and present members of the Cabinet.

He advised the Nazi representative that Mr. Ickes' remarks represented the feeling of the overwhelming majority of the American people.

He said that the recent policy of Germany had shocked and confounded public opinion in the United States more profoundly than anything that had occurred in many decades.

CRITICISM INEVITABLE

He warned the Nazi Charge d'Affaires that expressions of public indignation, such as that by Mr. Ickes, were inevitable, and Mr. Ickes' criticism of Mr. Henry Ford and Colonel Lindbergh (whom he attacked for accepting German decorations) was purely a question in which Germany could have no concern whatever, and which he could not discuss.

As long as German attacks on American officials continued, the German Government had no right

It is recognised that if all members of the Cabinet expressed themselves as freely as Mr. Ickes habitually does, the Government would be embarrassed, but it is pointed out that Mr. Ickes has the special position of "whipping boy" for the Administration.

He often says aloud what other eminent Americans reserve for their intimates.

NO APOLOGIES

Hence the Administration cannot be over apologetic to the "Nazi Reich without hypocrisy.

Moreover, members of the State Department are thoroughly irked by what they regard as an attempt to sabotage the Lima Conference by totalitarian emissaries, and are not in a mood to conciliate those who they believe guilty of provocation elsewhere.—Reuter.

GERMAN DEMARCHE

Berlin, To-day.

The German charge d'affaires in Washington has made a demarche to Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, ac-

cording to an inspired statement to the foreign press. The demarche energetically protests against the speech of the American Secretary of Interior, Mr. Harold Ickes, denouncing Nazism. Mr. Ickes' remarks are described in Berlin as "vulgar invective and defamatory declarations."—Reuter.

RED CROSS RELIEF AID FOR CHINA

London, To-day.

According to the Washington correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," a similar plan to that for Spain, where wheat is to be distributed free to the civilian population, is also being carried out by the Red Cross for relief of suffering China.—Reuter.

SETTLEMENT IN TANGANYIKA

London, To-day.

Asked if the Government had yet prepared plans for settlement of refugees in Tanganyika, the Dominions Secretary in a Commons answer stated that the Government of Tanganyika had ordered surveys to be carried out in areas which offered the best possibility of settlement.

He was awaiting the result of those surveys.

Mr. Macdonald added it would necessarily be some little time before the reports were received, but as soon as they were available, voluntary refugee organisations would be invited to send representatives to inspect any area which the Governor might suggest for examination.—British Wireless.

LONG SENTENCE ON MERCHANT

"The jury have, unanimously, found you guilty of a singularly cruel type of larceny," commented the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, sentencing Li Hai Leung, proprietor of the Yu Hai Leung Import and Export Firm, to two and half years' hard labour this morning at the Criminal Sessions for depriving a Chinese widow, Chiu Li-tze, of \$19,000, by a trick.

His Lordship said that although he would disregard the fact that accused pretended to be the owner of No. 1, Morrison Hill Road, he would have to pass heavy sentence as accused made no mention of restitution.

Accused alleged that the whole case was a fabrication invented by the widow. He alleged that he owed the widow \$900, a gambling debt, and because she could not collect the money, invented the case to get revenge.

Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by G. S. Hugh-Jones, appeared for accused and admitted that he was fined \$250 in November 1936 for possession of prepared opium.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

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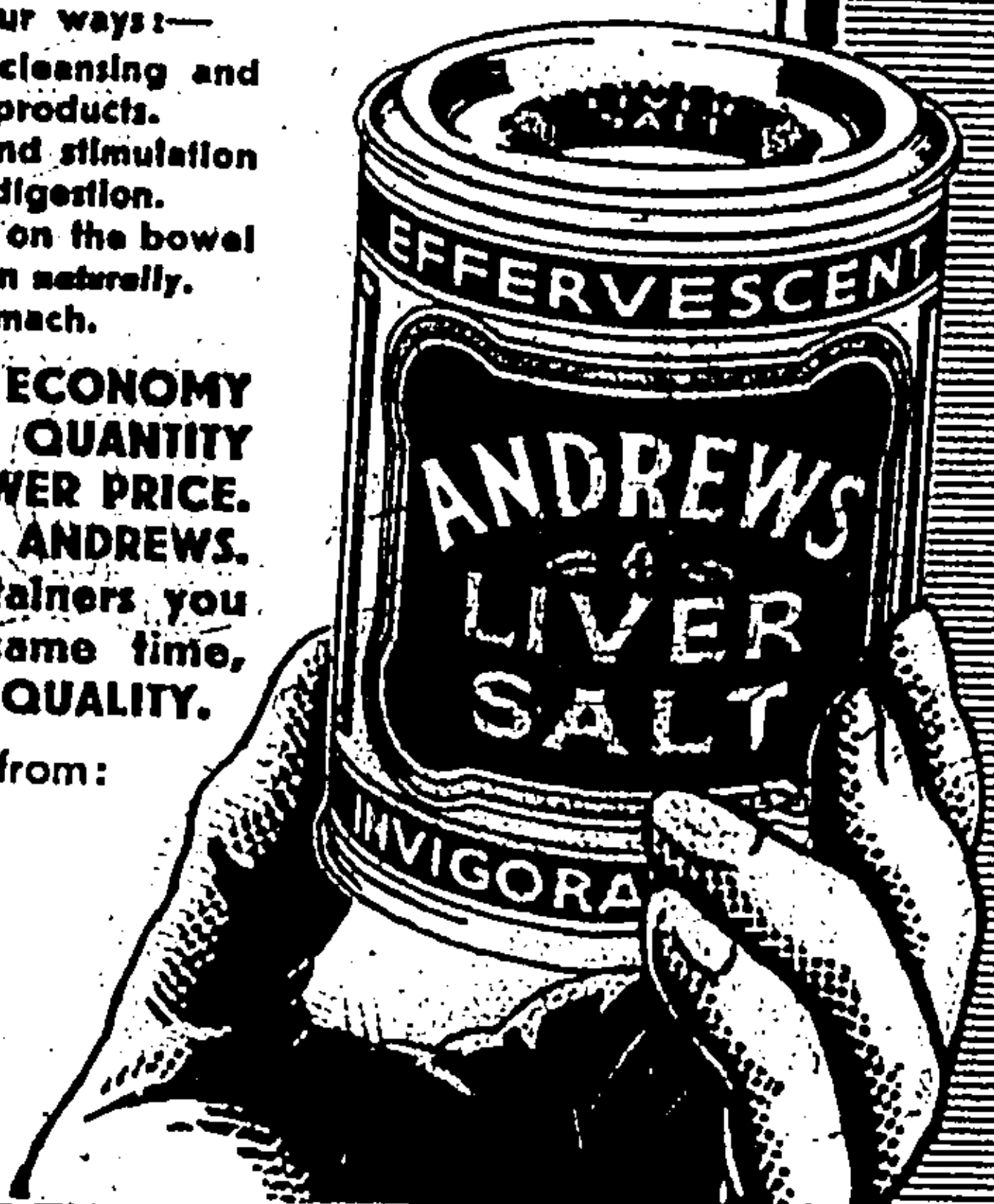
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THE DEATH PENALTY

By 114 votes to 89 the House of Commons recently approved a resolution in favour of abolishing the death penalty for an experimental period of five years, which was the suggestion made by the Select Committee that reported on capital punishment in 1930. It was clear from Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd's speech that the Government is no more likely to be influenced than this and other Governments have been by the recommendation of the 1930 Committee, and yet the vote may very well have been something of an underestimate of the actual state of public opinion on this subject. One question of prime importance is whether the death penalty deters, and that has been doubted on various grounds by thoughtful and informed observers in many professions, including the law and the administration of Britain's penal arrangements. Obviously it is not an absolute deterrent, for if it were murders would cease. Whether there would be more or fewer murders if the death penalty were not enforced is one question that the suggested experimental period of abolition seeks to answer, and the Home Office arguments put forward against that experiment on Wednesday were not specially convincing. If five years is too short a time in which to judge of the experiment's effect or to decide what the alternative punishments should be, then the period could be extended; the argument that if the experiment failed "the task of reintroducing the penalty would be a most invidious one" would be met by the prescribed time-limit to the test period. Least satisfactory of all was Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd's suggestion that "some outrageously brutal murder" might expose this country "for the first time in its history to the horrors of lynch law." That seems a singularly unhappy exercise in the invidious art of nest-fouling. Lynch law belongs to fundamentally unsettled societies. How often have the English people been found protesting against the mildness of a penal code approved by their rulers? Their protests have usually been all the other way.

"Un Chamberlain"

Belgian admiration for Mr. Chamberlain has led that land to pay him a charming compliment; for, one hears, it is now the fashion for every Belgian gentleman to imitate the custom of

Britain's Prime Minister and to carry an umbrella, which is no longer known as "un parapluie," but as "un Chamberlain."

The umbrella must be reckoned fortunate. It is now in a far different case from its ally, the mackintosh, which preserves only the name of an individual signifying nothing to the general populace, and which with obsolescence is likely, therefore, to encounter also oblivion. For the "Chamberlain" must be placed in the same category as the Gladstone collar, and the Gainsborough hat, and should it ever become extinct, the recollection of it would be safely preserved by reason of the name attached to it.

One wonders if, at such a period in the dim future, the recollection might not be entwined with many legends celebrating this association of the man and the umbrella—if, for example, Pitt's exclamation after Austerlitz, "Roll up the map of Europe!" might not have then a companion phrase in Chamberlain's "Roll up my umbrella!" before Berchtesgaden.

A Revolt On Milk

As a change from the besetting questions of armaments and foreign policy it is refreshing to come across what looks almost like a minor political crisis on a Milk Bill. The whole agricultural policy of the Government is disliked by many Conservatives, but the Milk Bill is giving the most trouble. The part of the bill which is particularly criticised is that which attempts to re-organise the present wasteful methods of distribution and to make pasteurisation compulsory. The effect of these proposals, the opponents of the bill declare, would be to squeeze out the small dairy farmer who distributes his own milk as well as the small distributor pure and simple. This consideration is the main motive of the opposition, but more disinterested arguments are that the proposals would inconvenience the housewife by lessening the number of daily deliveries and would create unemployment by reducing the number of workers engaged in distribution. There are other objections raised against the bill, and the Government will probably have to accept amendments.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL

For the convenience of Members and Guests of St. Andrew's Society attending the Ball to be held this evening, a special 5 minutes service of Star Ferries will run between 9 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. and a special service from Kowloon to Hong Kong 5 minutes service of Star Ferries will run every 15 minutes between midnight and 1 a.m. and every half hour thereafter until 3 a.m. The Vehicular Ferry Service will be extended until 2 a.m.

The first Supper will be served at 11.15 o'clock p.m. (approx.) and all those desiring to participate therein should be seated in good time before this hour. No reservation Supper Tables may be made.

Members and Guests are requested to note particularly that **ADMISSION TO THE BALL WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY AND THAT THESE CANNOT BE OBTAINED AT THE DOOR OF THE HOTEL.**

Entrance to the Hotel will be by the Main Doors, Salisbury Road, only.

COLONY UNDER FIRE FROM JAPANESE PRESS

Tokyo, To-day.

A demand that Hong Kong should be returned to "new China" as well as all British Concessions throughout China, is made in the Japanese Army newspaper, "Kokumin Shimbun."

The paper declares that Hong Kong was ceded to Britain as the result of an "inhuman opium war" and there is no moral ground for its retention by Britain.

The paper demands that "all symbols of British Imperialism be obliterated in East Asia."

The stand is adopted in the course of a comment on the reports of proposed British and American loans to China and is an indication of how the decisions have disturbed Japanese opinion.

The paper says that a section of Japanese Government opinion tends to regard such proposals as "demonstrating the impossibility of making Britain and America sympathetically understand Japan's national aspiration and real intentions, however hard Japan may try to explain them."

"Consequently, Japan's policy towards East Asia, must henceforth be carried out vigorously and forcefully, with the object of obliterating all symbols of

British Imperialism, not only in the Far East but in Asia." — Reuter.

KONOYE DECLARATION ALSO HINTS OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST POWERS

Tokyo, To-day.

The Premier, Prince Konoye, has issued a statement on inauguration of full diplomatic relations between Manchukuo and China.

Conclusion of a Sino-Japanese anti-Comintern pact, and Sino-Japanese economic co-operation on a footing of equality, are laid down as guiding principles in the readjustment of relations between Japan and "new China."

The Premier's statement in connection with the anti-Comintern pact says that Japan demands that Japanese troops be stationed at specified points as long as the pact is in force.

In connection with economic co-operation, the Premier declares that Japan does not intend to exercise economic monopoly in China.

"RENDITIONS"

She does not intend to demand China to limit the interests of third powers "who grasp the meaning of the new East Asia and are willing to act accordingly."

Furthermore, "Japan not only respects the sovereignty of China but she is prepared to give positive

FRANCO ACCUSES FRANCE

London, To-day.

Allegations that French sources supplied torpedoes, anti-aircraft projectiles and other ammunition to the Spanish Republican destroyer "Jose Luis Diaz," undergoing repairs at Gibraltar, are made in a Note the Franco Government has sent to Britain.

The Note declares that the munitions were conveyed in lighters sent to Gibraltar on the pretext of raising the destroyer's bows, and asserts that the destroyer's crew was supplemented with French sailors from French destroyers.

It is also alleged that it had been intended to protect the destroyer's departure with units of the French fleet.

The Note concludes by denouncing this "flagrant violation of the non-intervention agreement" — Reuter.

MR. EDEN CALLS AT FOREIGN OFFICE

London, To-day.

The former Foreign Secretary Mr. Anthony Eden, paid a long visit to Lord Halifax at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon.

It is generally believed that his purpose was to report on the impression obtained by him in the course of his stay in the United States. — Reuter.

JAPANESE MAKE LIFE UNCOMFORTABLE

TIENTSIN, TO-DAY.

THE SITUATION ARISING FROM THE SEARCH MEASURES TAKEN BY THE JAPANESE ON THE BORDERS OF THE FOREIGN CONCESSIONS, THOUGH CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, HAS DETERIORATED SOMEWHAT IN SEVERAL INSTANCES.

A stiffer attitude appeared to have been assumed yesterday towards foreigners proceeding to the Country Club, and taxis without passengers were stopped.

In one case, two foreigners were refused permission to cross the International Bridge despite the fact that they possessed Japanese passes, and also showed their passports.

When after a lengthy argument, they attempted to proceed, they were marched to the police station and detained in the prison cells for two hours. — Reuter.

100 JAP. SHIPS OFF PAKHOI

Over 100 Japanese warships, armed trawlers, and transports are reported off Pakhoi, according to a message received late last night.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Pakhoi adds the message.

The long-heralded invasion at Pakhoi is believed to be imminent. — Our Own Correspondent.

ITALIAN DENUNCIATION OF TREATY

Paris, To-day.

It became known yesterday that the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, recently told the French Ambassador in Rome, M. François-Poncet, that the Italian Government no longer considered the Franco-Italian Treaties of 1935, which relate mainly to Tunis and North Africa generally, as valid, and therefore never operative.

Political circles here, however, consider that France has shown herself faithful to the spirit and letter of the treaties, and has made appreciable concessions with a view to restoring Franco-Italian friendship. — Reuter.

TROOP CONCENTRATION REPORT DENIED

Paris, To-day.

A denial is issued of reports about a concentration of Italian troops along the Italian frontier separating Tripolis and Tunisia.

These reports are believed to have originated owing to the fact that at present Italian troops are engaged in manoeuvres. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S CALL AT QUAI D'ORSAY

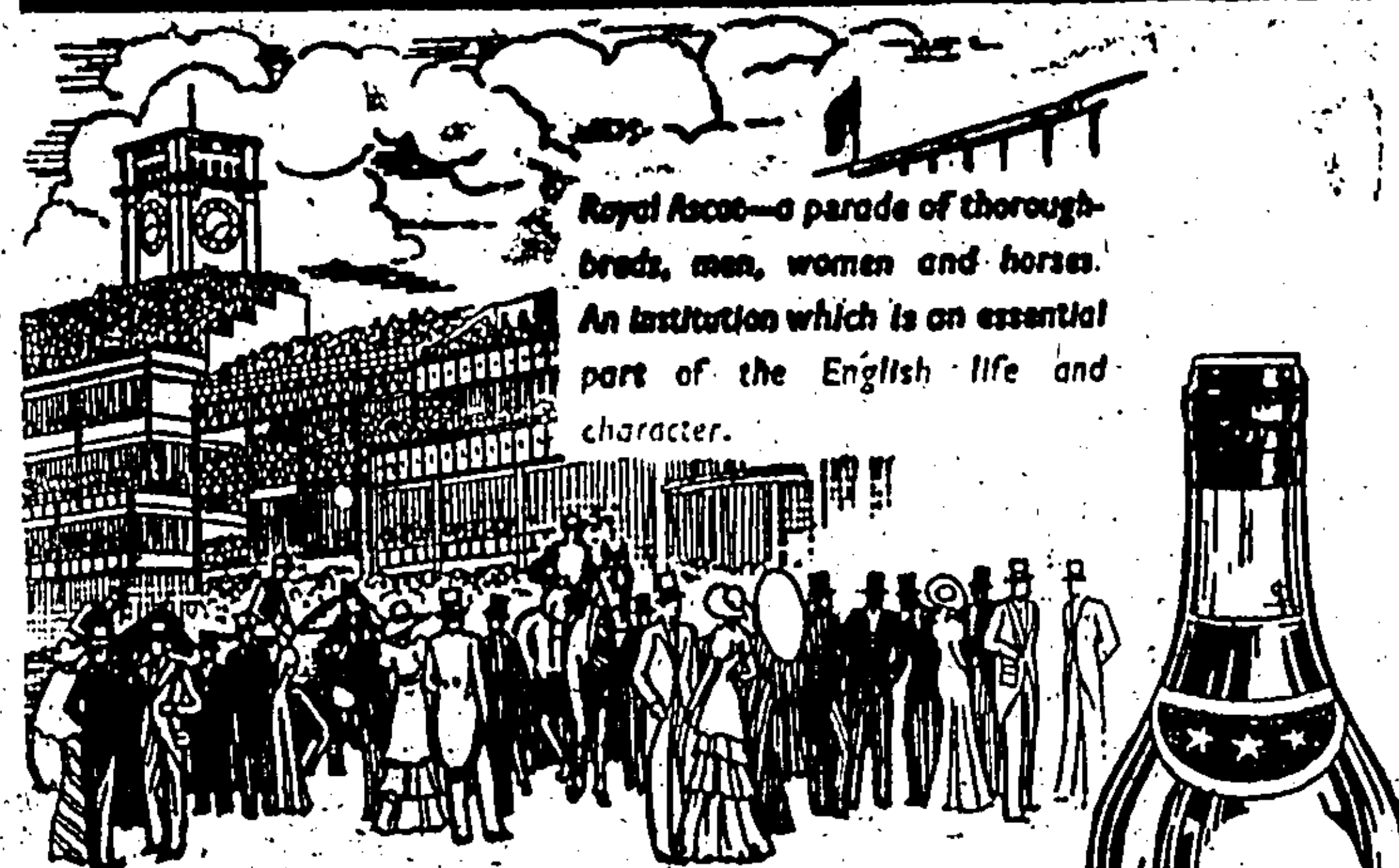
Paris, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, received the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, last evening.

It is understood they discussed Italy's official notification to France that she no longer considers the 1935 agreements valid.

The French view is believed to be that it is now for Italy to take the next step, since France considers that the agreements liquidated the differences between the two countries. — Reuter.

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Coster's Dramatic Letter Before Taking His Own Life

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FRANCE BADLY HIT BY COLD BLAST

Paris, To-day.

France is badly hit by the excessively cold weather. There were some remarkable weather vagaries. Whereas many places on the west coast were colder than Iceland with the temperature falling to 18 degrees below zero, Marseilles and other places on the south coast were experiencing mild, springlike weather.

Heavy falls of snow especially in the north east have dislocated communications.

One effect of the excessive cold was to cause the steel bridge over the Seine to contract to such an extent that roadways became dangerous. Other bridges had to be closed to traffic.

Many country districts have been completely isolated and serious shortage of supplies especially of coal is reported.

Blocks of ice have formed on the Loire and a huge ice barrier, below Tours is threatening to bring about

Revealed As Victim Of Heavy Blackmail

New York, To-day.

"As God is my judge I was the victim of Wall Street plunder and blackmail in the struggle for an honest existence," concludes a note from Musica, alias Donald Coster, written the night before his suicide.

Coster, it will be recalled, shot himself when his criminal activities were on the point of being uncovered by the police.

The letter was discovered and made public by his lawyer.

a collapse of the new bridge across the river. Attempts are being made to break up the ice barrier by dynamite charges. If the barrier continues to grow it will be subjected to bombardment by 3.7 cm. guns and handgrenades.

Calais was one of the coldest cities in France. The spray was freezing as it fell on the harbour walls.—Trans-Ocean.

The note exonerated his wife and brothers from any blame, saying: "My poor loving wife was ignorant of conditions."

His brothers, he says, merely acted on his instructions because they believed it right, and trusted him.

Coster declared: "Bankers, lawyers, auditors, appraisers and incompetent high-salaried executives, have bled McKesson-Robbins (the chemical firm of which he was chief) white."

He said the company should have been placed in Receivership in 1930 and again in 1932, if its profits had not been bolstered in a frantic effort to save the company.

LEGAL INTRIGUES

He denied that narcotics and alcohol were involved in his deals, and declared: "I have not tried to ruin the company or the stockholders. Instead, I am a ruined man through the treachery of legal intrigue. Nobody ever worked harder and received less pay to make something work out for the interests of all."

The Acting United States Attorney stated yesterday that the Federal authorities had evidence of at least eight persons who knew Coster in the early days as an ex-convict, and had profited financially by that knowledge.—Reuter.

CIANO GOING TO BELGRADE

Rome, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome will be followed by the journey of Count Ciano to Belgrade.

The announced trip of the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, to Rome will not take place until Count Ciano returns.

The Italian press has been stressing for several days the desire of closer relations between Budapest and Belgrade and it is generally assumed that the visits of the two Foreign Ministers will be devoted largely to realization of this aim.—Trans-Ocean.

The case in which Chan Yeung, 39, and Tse Chun, 24, earth-coolies, are charged with the murder of Wong Kwai-fong near the 8½ mile-stone, Tai-po Road, on December 1, was fixed for hearing on December 30 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

PARIS AND ITALIAN TREATY DENUNCIATION

Paris, To-day.

Announcement of the Italian Government that it regards the Franco-Italian agreement of January 1935 as invalid is treated as a subject of great importance by the newspapers.

It is generally agreed in political and press circles that no new proposals will be forthcoming from French quarters to alleviate the tension since the agreement of 1935 contains all concessions that France is willing to make.

The semi-official "Temps" writes that the Italian announcement has placed relations between the two countries on an entirely new basis and before any announcement is forthcoming the situation will be discussed by the Council of Ministers.

The French Government has always regarded the agreement of January 1935 as constituting the regulation of all differences between Rome and Paris.

This agreement contained definition of the status of Italians in Tunisia, the correction of the frontier between Lybia and Tunisia, the correction of the frontier between French Somaliland and Eritrea, the recognition of Italian sovereignty over the island of Doumerrah, and participation in the ownership of the railway from Djibouti to Addis Ababa.

The paper states that the French Government cannot go beyond this agreement.—Trans-Ocean.

ROME PAPERS SILENT

Rome, To-day.

The Italian press maintained complete reserve yesterday evening regarding Italy's action in repudiating the Franco-Italian agreement of January 1935, the papers reprinting French press reports but refraining from comment.

The only exception was the semi-official "Giornale d'Italia" the editor of which, Senator Gayda, stated in the course of a leading article that it was perfectly natural that Count Ciano should have made the Italian attitude clear to the French Government.—Trans-Ocean.

PARIS DISAGREES

Paris, To-day.

The Italian Government's view that the Franco-Italian agreement of January 7, 1935 is no longer valid is not shared in French political circles.

France takes the standpoint that although the agreement has never been formally ratified it none less constitutes a settlement of all questions pending between the two countries.—Trans-Ocean.

BITTEN BY OWN DOG

Miss Bonnar, of No. 58 Canal West, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital after she had been bitten by her own dog yesterday. The dog was sent to Kennedy Town for observation.



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Shall I, shan't I? Swing Easy, New York 'chaser, couldn't make his mind up in this jumping contest at Washington Inter-American Horse Show. So this is how the camera caught him . . . sitting up on the cross-bars he'd knocked down and looking like a piece of statuary.

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30s. A WEEK, LEFT £1,335

A man who rarely earned more than 30s. a week as a farm worker left a will showing that he had saved £1,335 and bought three houses.

He was John Jones, of Pontardawe-road, Clydach, Swansea. He died aged ninety-two after having been retired for years.

The beginnings of that four-figure will were pennies dropped in a little money-box—and some advice his father gave him when, aged ten, he started to earn a living.

"Save hard, son, and buy houses," said his father.

8,000 PLAYERS

England has one industrial town where 8,000 men play football every Saturday. That was mentioned by Mr. H. A. Cole, of the Physical Training Council at the Public Health Services Congress in London, yesterday.

Over 720 teams—so one town's health standard is second to none.

BABY BORN IN A POLICE STATION

Acting as emergency "midwives," Police-Sergeant William Robotham and P.C. George Percival, married members of West Bromwich police, with the aid of the sergeant's wife, used a police station as a temporary maternity hospital.

They were on duty in the station at Greets Green, when, about midnight, a young expectant mother, Mrs. Lily Darby, widow, of Canal Bank, Albion, West Bromwich, staggered into the office and asked for an ambulance to take her to hospital.

Realising that the birth was imminent, Sergeant Robotham called his wife from their house next to the police station. Mrs. Darby was made comfortable on the floor in front of the fire with a bed of capes and overcoats. Minutes later a sturdy baby was born.

SNOB-WOMEN PESTS ARE PUT IN A SCREEN PILLORY

Frank Capra, who made "Mr. Deeds" and "Lost Horizon," has done it again! His latest film, "You Can't Take It With You," is a superb comedy-drama which pillories feminine snobbery and shows that happiness means more than riches.

"You Can't Take It With You" is a story of the attempt of an unscrupulous millionaire (Edwin Arnold) to acquire the home of a lovable crank (Lionel Barrymore).

The screen has yet to show a crazier family than the one presided over by Mr. Barrymore, with pretty Jean Arthur as the one sane person.

She shows her sense by falling in love with the son of the rapacious business magnate (James Stewart) and the fun and complications begins when his mother finds out.

It is his social-climbing, snobbish mother (Mary Forbes) who causes Cinderella to spurn Prince Charming before a suprising and extremely amusing climax proves that love conquers all and that riches cannot purchase contentment.

Never has Lionel Barrymore done such fine work as his portrayal of the likeable eccentric whose kindly, philosophic outlook on life eventually humanises the millionaire and his snobbish wife.

Jean Arthur's love scenes with James Stewart are a model to all young modern romantics.

The comedy high-light of a picture which teems with happy human touches is a screamingly funny court scene which only a Capra could inspire and handle.

A brilliant piece of screencraft and delightful entertainment for all.

LAW FINDS AN ASS WITH SENSE OF HUMOUR

The law and an ass with a sense of humour came in contact at Marylebone Police Court.

The R.S.P.C.A. accused Frederick Carre, circus proprietor, of Store-street, W.C., of cruelty to an ass by unreasonably goading it in a yard.

THE ASS, IT WAS EXPLAINED, FOUR TIMES CHASED CARRE OUT OF THE RING IN WHICH HE WAS TRAINING IT, WITH ITS TEETH BARED.

Mr. Ivan Snell, the magistrate, was told it was part of the show. He dismissed the summons.

THE ASS, HE SAID, HAD A SENSE OF HUMOUR. SOME ANIMALS UNDOUBTEDLY HAD AND EXPRESSED IT IN THIS WAY.

Mr. Gordon Jones, prosecuting, told how R.S.P.C.A. inspectors hid in the yard after "obtaining admission with the aid of an umbrella" on finding the gates closed.

He said Carre was using a goad—a piece of wire 1½ in. long on the end of a whip.

Carre's explanation: It wasn't a goad. THE PIECE OF WIRE WAS SPIKE TO ATTACH TO A CARROT.

WILL FIGHT SECRETS ACT

The National Union of Journalists, the National Council for Civil Liberties, and other organisations are to co-operate in a campaign of publicity and agitation until the Government has amended the Official Secrets Acts and given an undertaking that the freedom of the Press will be safeguarded.

Meanwhile a deputation will urge on the Premier the necessity for amending the Acts.

This was decided at a London conference.

CITY OFFICES 'A DISGRACE'

Many Birmingham offices buried away in old dwelling-houses and approached by slum alleyways would have been a disgrace in the time of Charles Dickens, declares Miss E. Morris, secretary of the Birmingham Branch of the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries, who is heading a campaign for better working conditions among office girls.

"How can workers keep pace with modern business in offices which are so much behind the time" she asks.

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"WOOLLEN" JUMPERS

MADE OF MILK

Thousands of jumpers and pull-overs that will soon be taking shape in British homes are likely, scientists say, to be made of—skimmed milk.

"Milk" wool—the lay public can hardly tell it from sheep's wool—is now being made in Holland.

And a party of Dutch experts have arrived in Nottingham all ready to work the miracles there. They are planning to start a factory that will use the milk of English cows.

Their process is so perfect that it is expected to create as big a stir as the discovery how to make artificial silk out of wood pulp.

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CAKE KILLS BABY

John Hibbert, aged twenty-one months, son of Alfred Edward Hibbert, labourer, of Handelstreet, Liverpool, was choked by a piece of cake which lodged in his throat. It was stated at the Liverpool inquest.



Her titian hair was famous in Chelsea when she was an artist's model. Now Bobby Barrett's left the studio for the stage. She's one of the lovelies in "Folies Superbes" at the London Casino.

But—as you see here—Bobby still makes a perfect picture.

WILLING TO LOSE MONEY

After working his way up from brick-layer to £250,000 property owner, Mr. L. F. Richardson, of East Close, Middleton, near Bognor Regis, is to devote his time to providing entertainment for people living in the small market towns of Sussex, Surrey and Kent.

Mr. Richardson is seeking out towns which have no cinemas, because the big companies refuse to build on the grounds that such a venture would be unprofitable.

Contending that everyone should be able to get their entertainment, he will build about thirty cinemas in such towns, each costing from £12,000 to £30,000 and seating from 500 to 750 people.

The first is now being built at Arundel.

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DON'T WANT SONS

TO BE MILKSOPS

Fearing their sons will grow up into "milsops," Nottingham mothers want to stop women teaching them after they are eight years old.

Parents' views on the point have been tested with a plebiscite in a specially selected district.

Only forty-nine parents wanted their sons to be taught by women—2,623 wanted men teachers. Yet 2,500 Nottingham boys over eight years of age are still being taught by women in the area.

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HIS DEFENCE — PARSON

BLIND

"I did not think my first marriage was legal as the ceremony was performed by a blind parson," said Charles Joseph Rice, of Tiver-ton-road, Bournbrooke, Birmingham, sent for trial on a bigamy charge at Norwich.

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CHAMPAGNE PARTY MID-AIR DRAMA

LONDON, DEC. 7.

WITH EIGHT OF THE THIRTEEN PASSENGERS HAVING A CHAMPAGNE PARTY AND DRINKING A TOAST "TO DISASTER, IF IT COMES," THE IMPERIAL AIRWAYS LINER FROBISHER CIRCLED ROUND CROYDON AIRPORT LAST NIGHT, UNABLE TO LOWER ITS ELECTRICALLY OPERATED UNDER-CARRIAGE.

When, after more than half an hour's circling, the undercarriage was wound down by hand and the machine made a perfect landing, those eight passengers—they included a grizzled American business man, an English officer, an American impresario, a London film actress—were firm friends.

They continued their champagne party at the Dorchester Hotel, Park-lane. This time the toast was "Life." As they drank it they told me what that half-hour in the plane had meant to each of them.

As the machine glided towards the lights of Croydon, Mr. W. F. Hardy, London business man and experienced air traveller, told his neighbours: "The undercarriage won't lower; I was once caught like this before in the States, but we managed to bump down."

The airplane rose again and circled in a wide sweep away from Croydon. The passengers were silent.

OPENED CASE

Mr. J. A. ("spell my name right") Celler, American business man, spoke first.

"Say," he said, "has any one a flask or something? I'd like to celebrate this little occasion."

Mademoiselle Anne Chagnon, flying to London from Paris, opened her suitcase.

"J'ai deux bouteilles de Lanson '28," (I have two bottles of Lanson '28), she said. Eight of the passengers produced tumblers. She filled them with frothing champagne.

The five other passengers sat back while Mr. Celler, Mr. Hardy, Miss Grace Evans, London film actress, Miss Frances Maddux, American cabaret artist and impresario, Mr. Anthony Reynolds, from Birmingham, Mr. Jack Harrison, homing from a Geneva business trip, Mr. D. S. Wedderburn, of the Scots Guards and Equerry to the Duke of Gloucester, and Mlle. Chagnon discussed the situation and drank Mr. Celler's toast "To Disaster—if it comes."

Mr. Hardy said: "We had been circling for some little time when a mechanic took up the floorboards between our seats."

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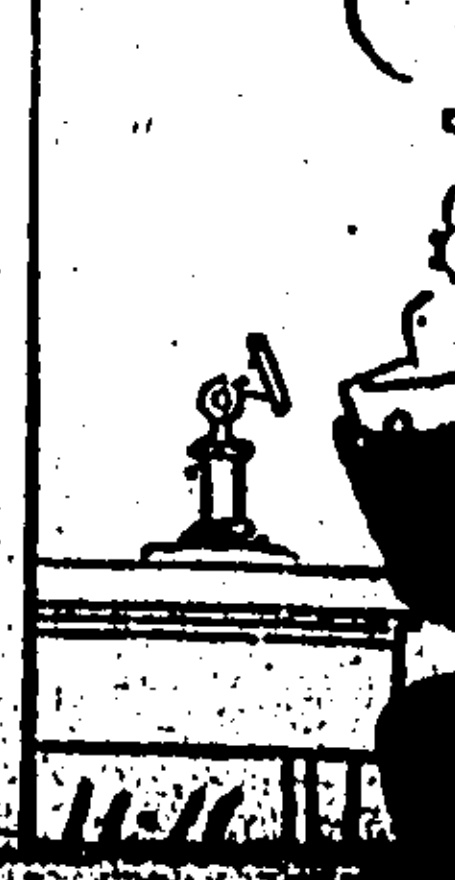
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I AM AT STATION POLICE FIRST-- AT THE TELL--



CHINA MAIL

FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, DECEMBER 23, 1938

IT was the fact that the place hummed with grasshoppers and bees which first drew my attention to it. I happen to like that sort of thing and I examined the gate pillar till I found a panel with the words "The Cliffs Inn" on it. So as I was looking for somewhere to stay I went up the pebble path, past a coach-house and a little trellis gate leading into an apple orchard.

At the reception desk there was a silver-haired old gentleman in a velvet jacket. Although he couldn't have been less than eighty he was very fresh looking, with a fine head and dark twinkling eyes, but what struck me most was a gold slave-bangle on his left wrist, which I thought very peculiar.

During the few days I spent there I grew greatly attached to Bangle Joe. He was a bit of a character in his way. He seemed to take a quaint pride in dressing up, almost, you might have

"BANGLE JOE"

ridor that led to the cellar.

It was Bangle Joe, wearing a dressing-gown thrown over his pyjamas and with his silver hair carefully brushed. He was standing very still and seemed to be listening intently. With ghostly clarity I heard a clock somewhere in the building strike twice. Bangle Joe stiffened expectantly for a moment; then he shook his head with a peculiar motion of sadness, turned slowly and began to return along the corridor towards me. I would have crept back to bed unnoticed, but just at that moment, probably because of the dust blowing about in the corridor — I sneezed. He stopped dead at the sound and raised his hand to shield his eyes from the candlelight, and I saw the gold bangle on his wrist gleam oddly.

"Who's there?" he called out sharply.

fidence, but he courteously waved the objection aside. He filled two glasses and pushed one across to me, thereafter sitting silent for a little as if gathering his thoughts.

"I was very much in love then," he said presently. "Her name was Vera and her red lips were as soft as rose petals—but I mustn't bore you, Mr. Lawson."

"My father owned 'The Cliffs' the time and Vera had come to stay with us here for a while—it was in December and we were to be married in Bideford the following month. We were never far away from each other: we used to say as we parted, 'Same time—same place,' for I think we only counted ourselves alive when we were together."

"One night there came to 'The Cliffs' a Frenchman, Captain Birotteau. His ship may have put in at Bideford or else in the cove to the west—I never knew exactly. He came into the lounge where the fire was burning and let in a gust of icy wind behind him. A great, dark man he was, quite young, and he scarcely took his eyes off Vera from the first moment he saw her."

"We provided him with a meal and he said he was going to stay for the night. When he had finished he joined us at the fire where Vera and I and my parents were sitting, and his talk was all of travel and ships and strange lands. I watched to see if Vera was attracted by him, but she gave no sign of it—indeed she seemed a little afraid of him."

"I knew we should have no peace as long as he stayed, but he wasn't the type of man you can tell to go away. He called for

wine and as he drank he began to pay compliments to Vera, and soon the compliments became so pointed that I couldn't stand it. I remember rising and standing over him with clenched fists.

"I did a foolish thing. I struck him heavily across the face with my hand. He rose all right at that and whipped out a knife, and I think he would have killed me very quickly had not Vera thrown herself upon him and begged him not to shed blood."

Bangle Joe paused and refilled his pipe. He took a sip of the port and presently he went on.

"He seemed to want to please Vera even in his anger, for he put his knife back in his belt. I was hot blooded in those days, Mr. Lawson, but I thought of Vera and my mother and so the business was patched up, and a little later we retired."

"I couldn't go to sleep but lay listening to the roar of the waves and the clock chiming the hours after midnight. Then suddenly I heard a scuffle in the hall below and was out of bed in an instant. I kept an old rook-rifle in my room—we were much troubled by rooks in the orchard—and I grabbed it up and ran out on to the landing. It was a clear, frosty night and the moonlight lay across the hall. The sound was coming from the corridor. I ran downstairs and as I reached it I knew someone was opening the door that leads to the cliffs, for the moonlight suddenly streamed in. It shone on Captain Birotteau—and in his arms he carried Vera. He had gagged her tightly and she seemed to have fainted."

"I've often wondered since what he intended to do. May be some of his crew were at hand to

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Short Story

By Laurence Moody

said, as if he were expecting a visit from his lady-love. And had he been sixty years younger I can think of nothing more likely; he must have been the sort that caused many a pretty girl's heart to flutter. He was very particular, too, about his long silver hair—I never remember seeing a lock out of place. And, of course, there was always the gold bangle. I felt very puzzled about that bangle and rather inquisitively questioned several of the staff, but nobody seemed to know anything about it and I finally put it down to a harmless idiosyncrasy.

I think he liked me, too, for he began to refer to me as his "young friend." One day towards the end of my stay we had happened to be chatting about the technique of hotel management, and I particularly remember, in view of what happened afterwards, one remark of his. "I never allow any activities in my hotel after midnight," he had said. "I'm always afraid that my guests' sleep might be disturbed."

When, later, I went up to bed I found myself slow of going to sleep. From somewhere below I heard midnight chime, and later, in the silent house, I remember hearing one-thirty. From my pillow I could see, through the leaded panes, the moon shining far out on the calm sea. I was about to drop off when I distinctly heard a step upon the stairs. Just one step, no more. I listened for a repetition of the sound, but none came. I turned over on my side and tried to go to sleep; but, ludicrously, I found I couldn't erase the sound of that footfall from my consciousness.

And then I remembered that all activities in the inn were supposed to cease at midnight. Moved by an impulse I couldn't resist I rose silently, put on my dressing-gown and slippers and crept out on to the landing. At first I couldn't hear anything and had half decided to return to bed when the unmistakable clomp, clomp of soft slippers on some hard surface reached my ears, and I became aware of a flickering, yellowish light coming from the cor-

"It's I—Lawson," I said, feeling uncommonly foolish.

"Mr. Lawson?" he repeated, and I caught an unusual touch of annoyance in his voice. "What are you doing here at this hour of the night?"

"I heard a step and thought a burglar might have got into the house," I explained lamely.

He came close up to me and peered into my eyes over the candle, looking ill and worn.

"You were foolish to rise, my young friend," he said presently. "Come, we had better both return to bed. To-morrow we shall have a little talk—over a glass of port, eh? It seems some sort of explanation is due to you."

When I awoke next morning sunlight was streaming in through the leaded panes and glinting on the bedposts. I rose sluggishly, feeling ashamed of the night's folly, and went down to the breakfast room which was fragrant with the sea-air and the scent of newly-cut flowers. Before I had finished the excellent breakfast provided a maid brought me an invitation from Bangle Joe to visit him in his study.

I found him surrounded with tobacco smoke and dressed immaculately as usual in his velvet jacket. A model galleon stood on a table in front of the window which looked out on the orchard, and I noticed that he hadn't forgotten the '88 port; he apologised for bringing it out at this early hour and indicated a comfortable chair.

"I want to tell you a story and you mustn't think me sentimental if I go back to 'the great, brave days when we were twenty-one,'" he said, smiling and without preamble. "That wouldn't be a far journey for you, Mr. Lawson, but in my case it's a matter of sixty years and more. The only proviso I make is that you will please regard it as confidential, for I have told it to no one else."

He looked better, now, with the early morning freshness which even very old men wear. I readily gave him my promise, pointing that he was under no obligation whatever to take me into his con-

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Poor Husband

Neighbour: Who's boss in your house?

Husband: Oh, my wife takes charge of the cook, the maid, the children, the cat, the dog, and the canary, but I say what I like to the goldfish.

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"Account for It"

"You say you've had that hat for ten years?"

"Why, it looks like new?"

"Well, perhaps, its because I've had it cleaned six times, and exchanged it in restaurants eight times."

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Time Marches On!

Rickson: "Yer know," I of'en wonder why there are s'many more o' them there mother car accidents than railway accidents."

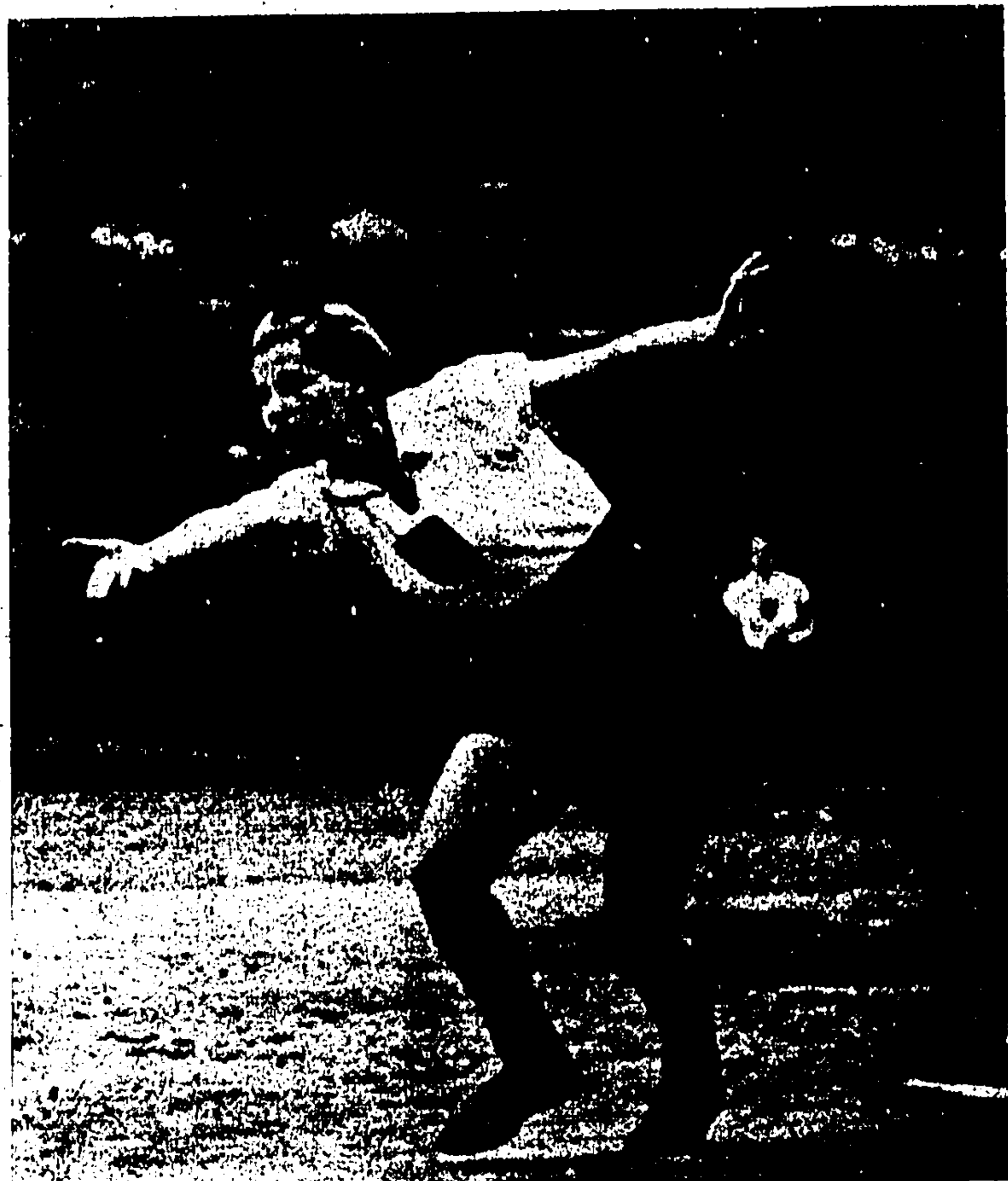
Rickley: "Lor' lumme, man! Did you ever 'ear o' t' fireman 'ugging t' driver?"

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May be for Years

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"I can't say, yit," answered grandpa, cautiously. "There's several of these patent medicine firms negotiating with me."



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"Don't be an ass, man," replied the other fellow, "she's two hundred yards away and you couldn't possibly hit her from here."

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Beyond a Joke

They were bidding good-night on the doorstep when a window above them was thrown open, and a weary voice said:—

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Share Out

An engine-driver was off duty owing to illness and when payday came round he asked the wife to call at the depot to collect his last week's wages. She was surprised when she saw the amount, and on reaching home mentioned that he had never told her what a good wage he got. He was ready for that.

"Ah," he said, collaring the packet, "but what'll be left when I've paid the fireman and the guard."

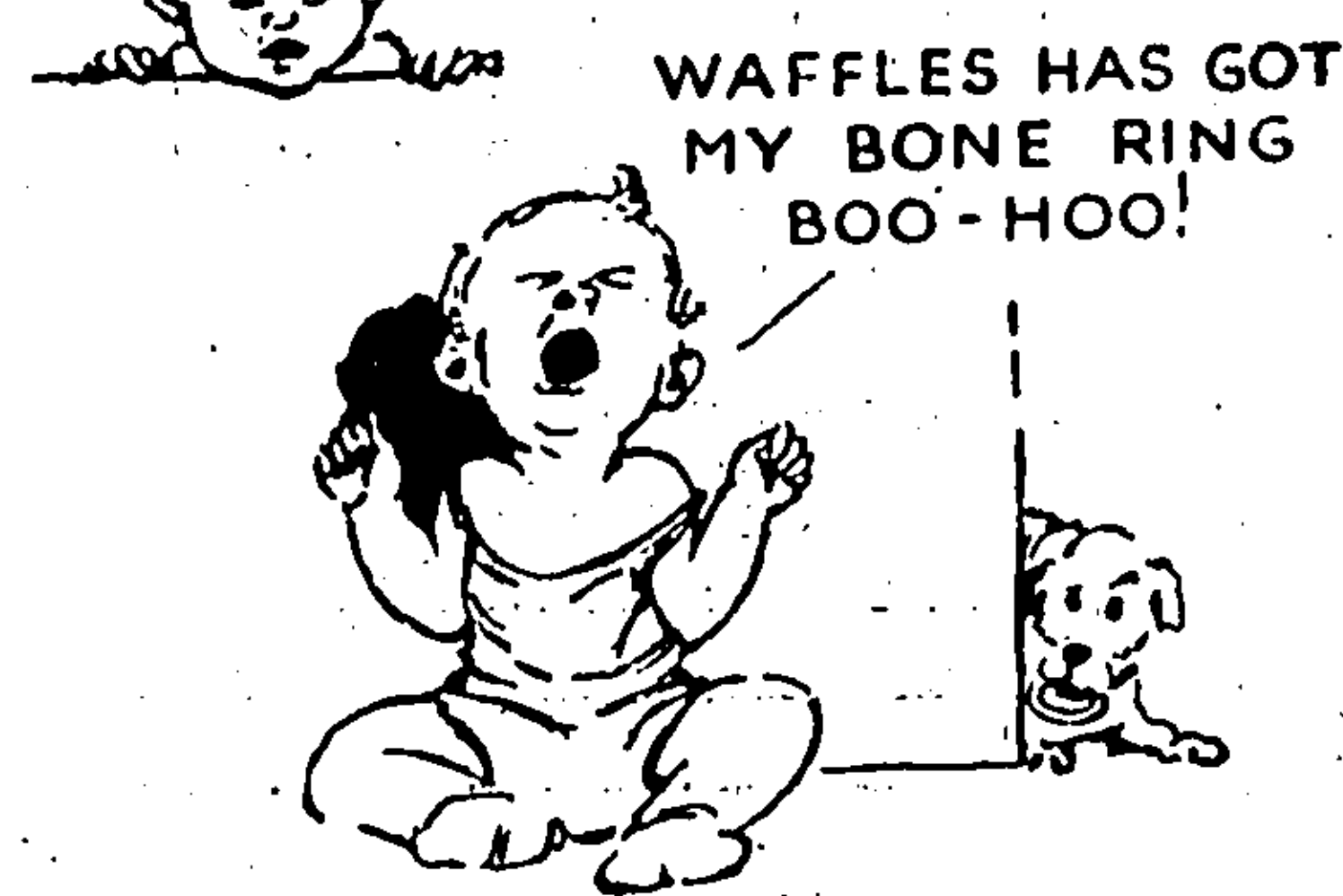
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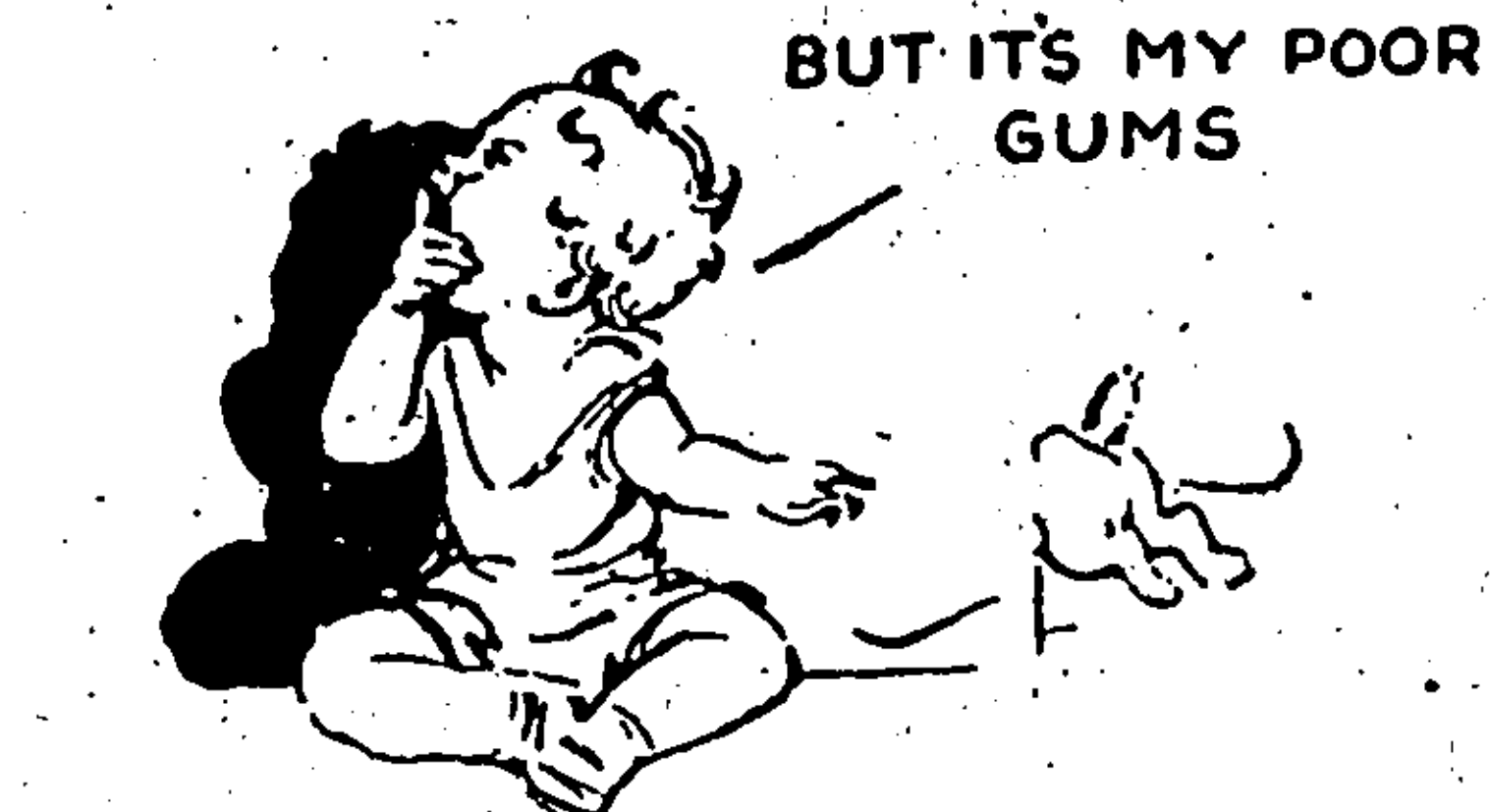
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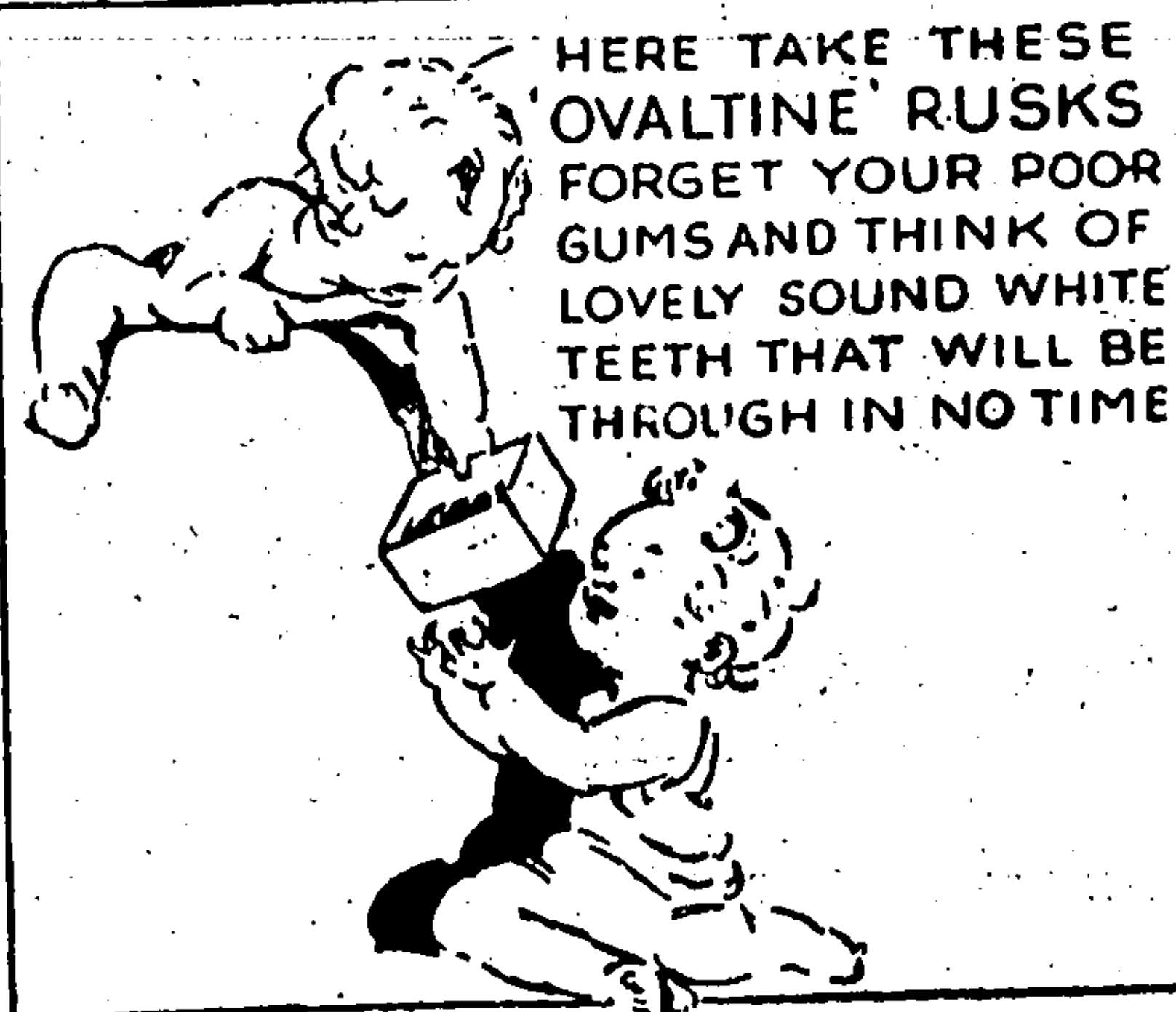
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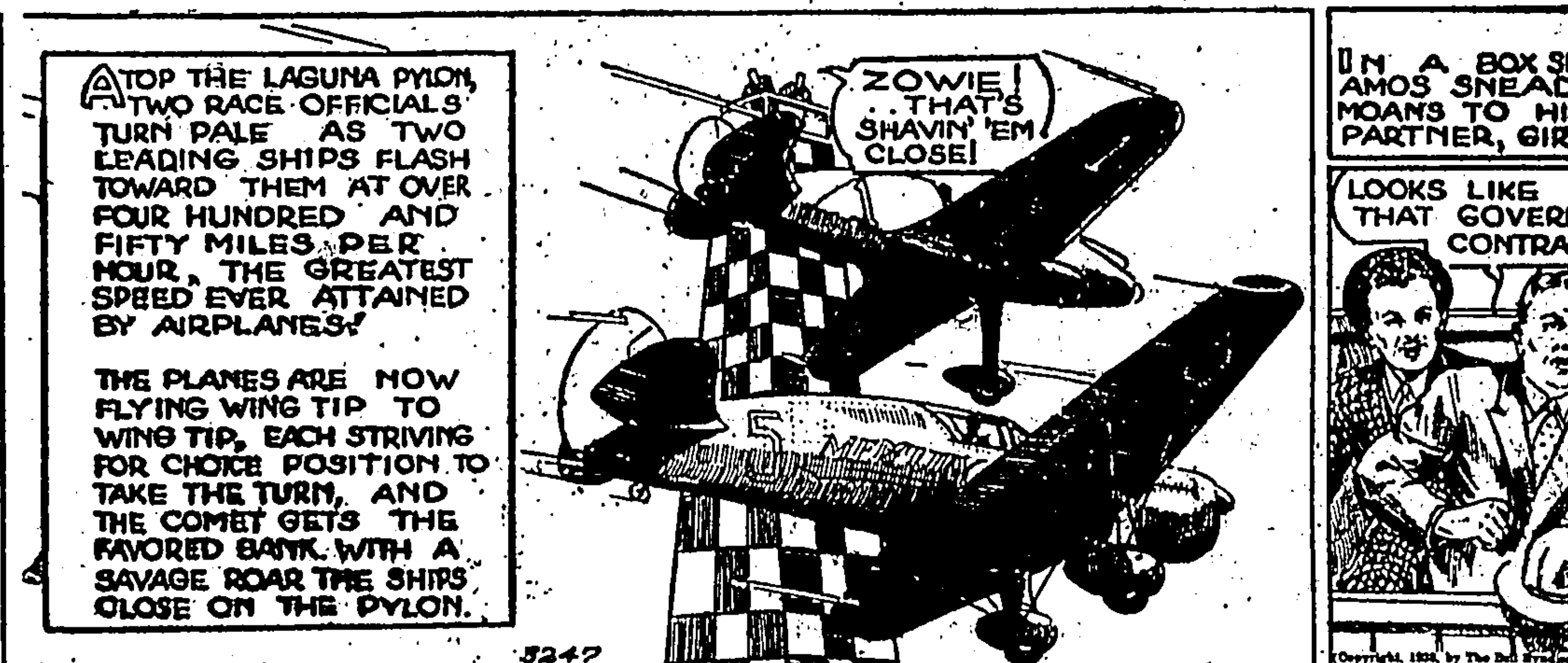


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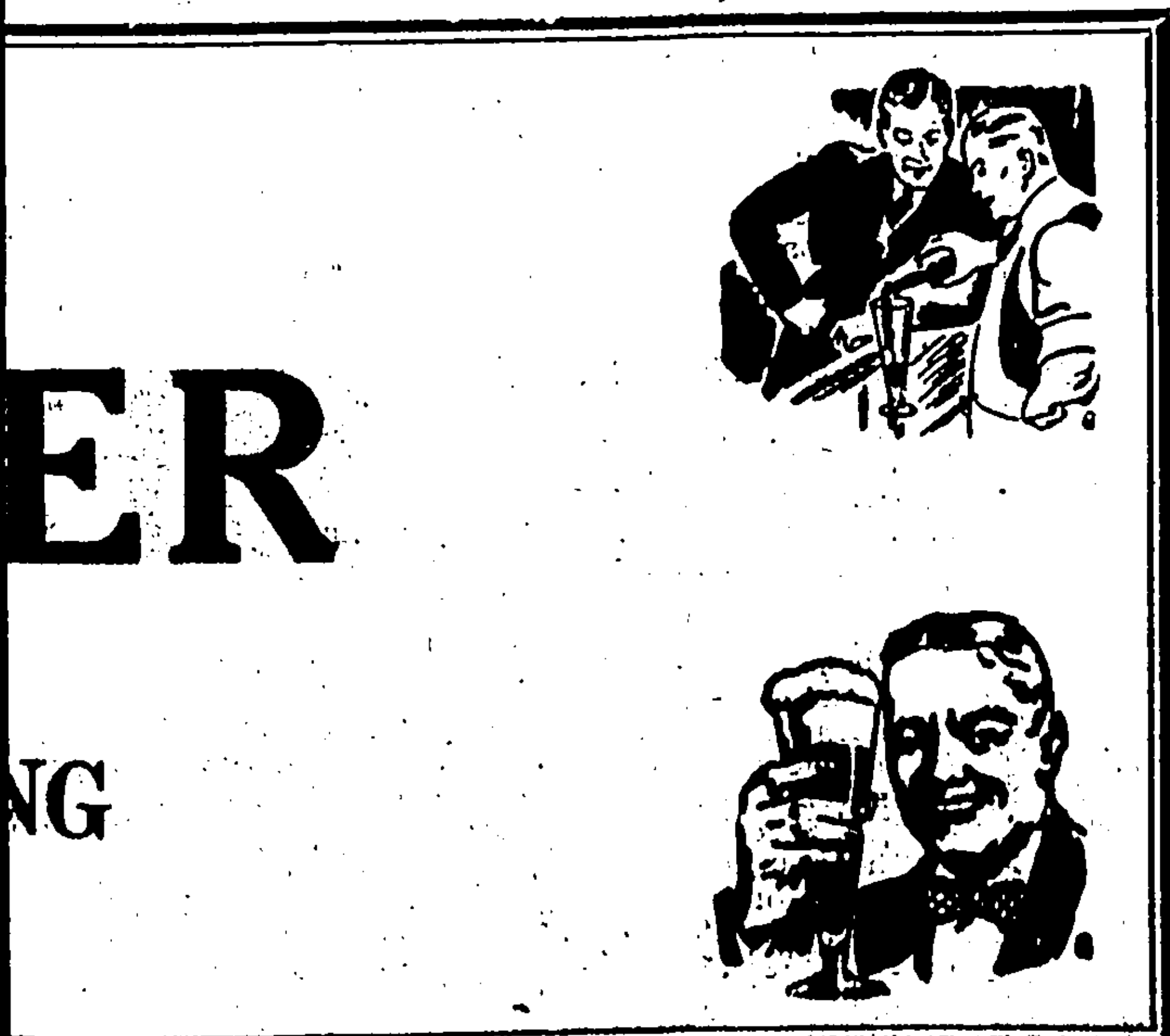
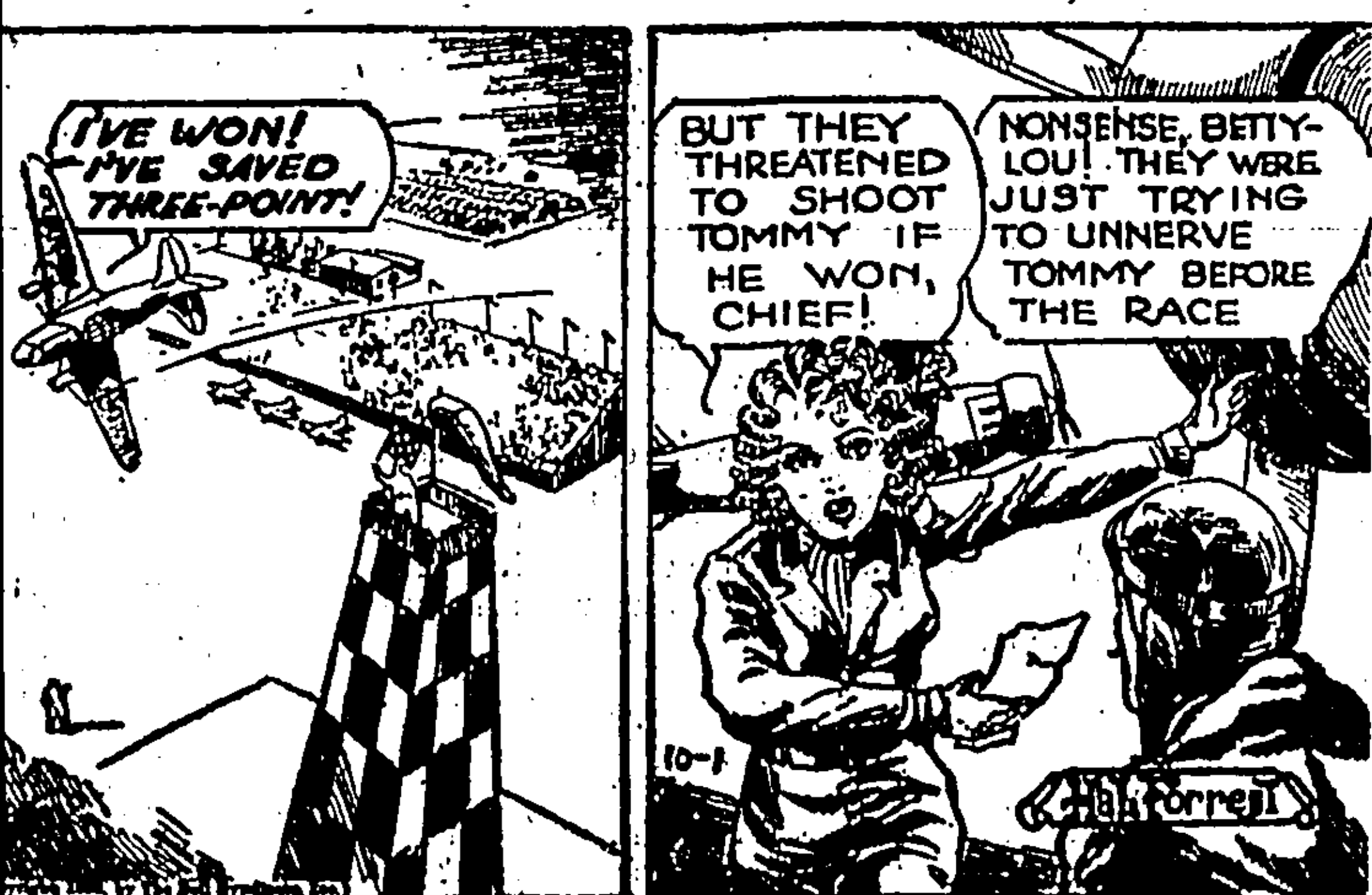
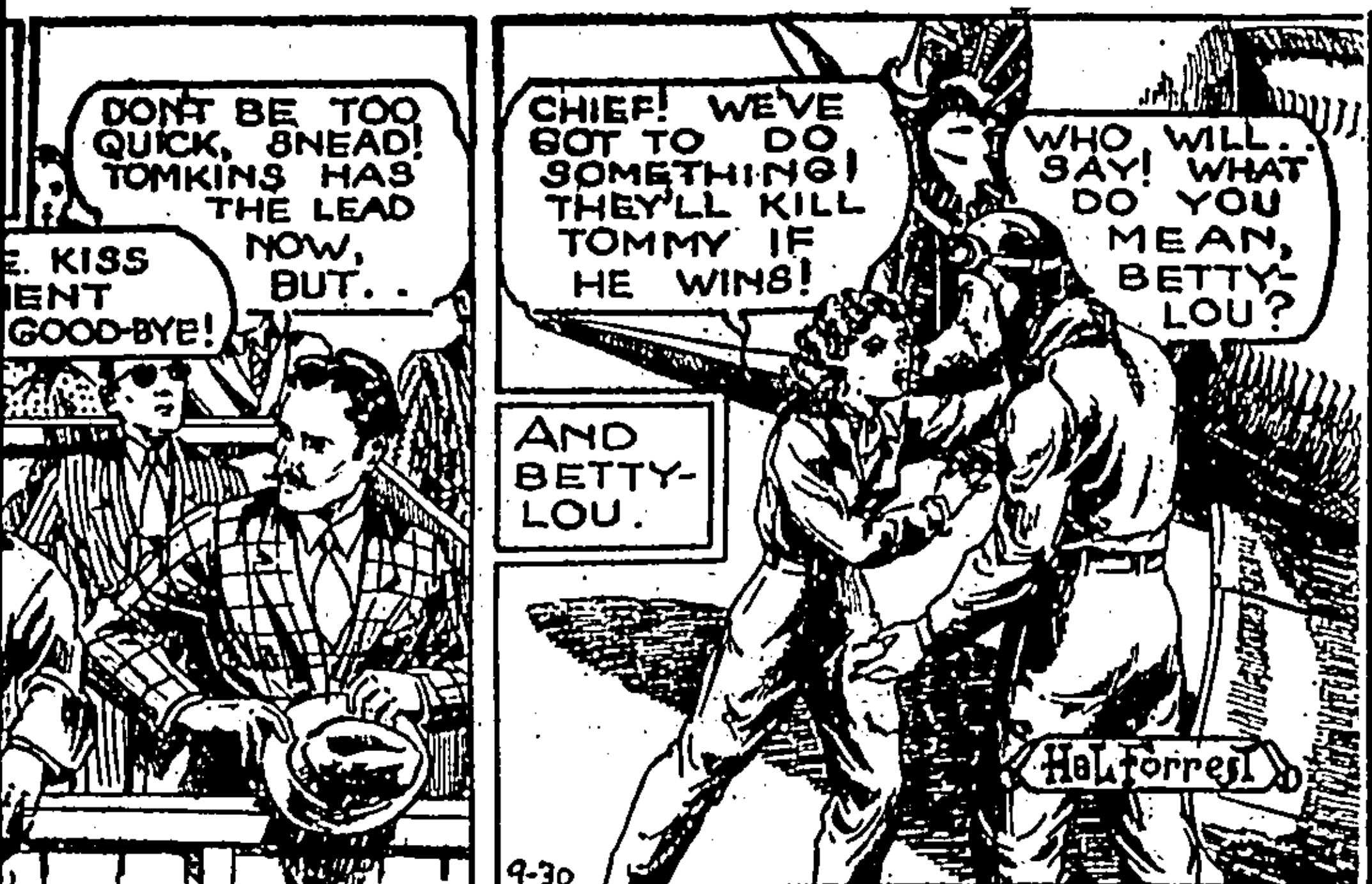
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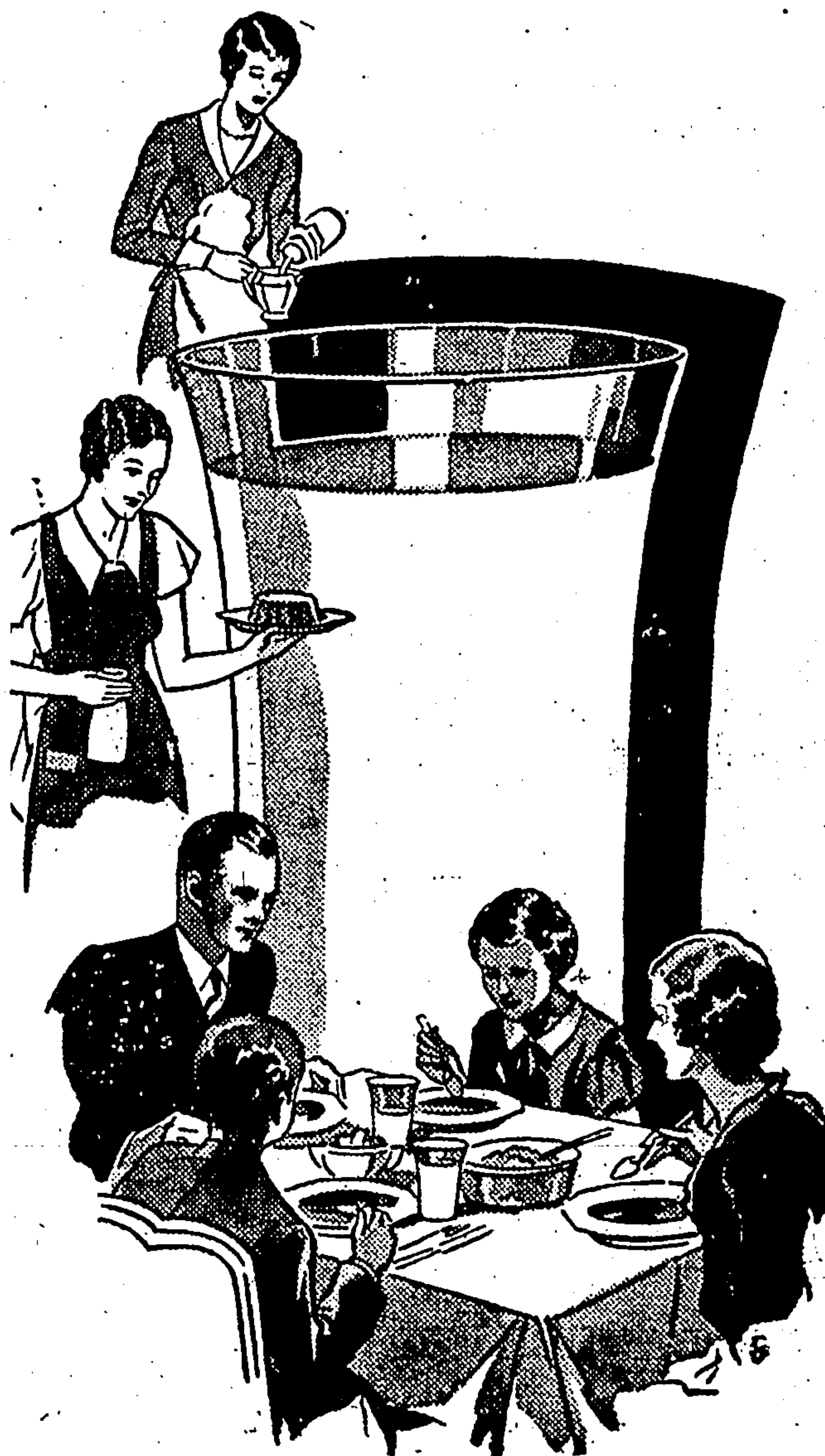


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THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S CORNER

By Muriel Nissen

TWENTY YEARS AGO

THE stirring events of November 1918 that led to a changed map of Europe are having repercussions in the stampdom of 1938. France has issued a stamp commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Armistice, and both Latvia and Lithuania are planning postal tribute to the anniversary of independence.

The French stamp, as attractive as all recent issues from the republic have been, pictures the victory parade passing beneath the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Banners of the allied nations, with the Stars and Stripes prominently displayed, appear at the head of the marching columns.

The value of the stamp is 65 centimes plus 35c and the colour is carmine.

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KING'S STATUE PICTURED

A BRONZE and marble equestrian statue of King Constantine was unveiled in October in Athens, and a reproduction of the work appears on two new Greek stamps. They are: 1.50 drachma green and 30 drachma red-brown.

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ADEN COMMEMORATIVES

THE very small stamp roster of Aden is scheduled to be increased by a pictorial set of 12 values to commemorate the centenary of Great Britain's possession of the colony.

There will be six designs in the set, distributed as follows: view of Aidrus Mosque on ½ anna green and 5 rupees olive and brown; group of camels on 9 pies brown and 2a sepia; harbour scene on 1a blue and 1r, green; Gulf of Aden on 1½a red and 2R violet and blue; view of Mukalla on 2½a blue and 8a orange; scene showing capture of Aden on 3a carmine and sepia and 10R violet and sepia.

Aden is a volcanic and barren peninsula near the entrance to the Red Sea on the Arabian coast. In the days of the ancients it was an important city on the trade route between Europe and Asia. Rome held it in the early days, Turkey conquered it in 1538 but relinquished the territory in the following century. An independent line of sultans maintained their rule over Aden until it became part of British India in 1839. The opening of the Suez Canal completely changed the status of Aden, and it became an important coaling station. Additions of territory including the island of Perim have been made to the original settlement, which now does a thriving business in transshipment.

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STAMP TEASERS

1. On what stamp can you find a peacock with outspread tail?
2. What stamp set commemorates the first pilgrimage to Mecca?
3. The stamps of what country honour A. S. Popoff?
4. Where will you find Zagreb Cathedral on a stamp?
5. The bird known as the quetzal is frequently encountered on the stamps of what land?

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. A Russian stamp of 1927 pictures Lenin riding in a car guarded by soldiers.
2. The Battle of Atoleiros was an occurrence in Portugal's fight for independence and is depicted on a stamp of that country issued in 1928.
3. Niels Henrik Abel was a famous mathematician of Norway. He is commemorated on a stamp issued in 1929.
4. The inscription "To be drawn in the hour of need" accompanies a sword on a stamp of San Marino, issued in 1923.
5. In 1930 Chile issued a set of stamps in honour of Salpeter, or nitrate.

"BANGLE JOE"

(Continued from page 1)

assist him or maybe his ship was lying close in to the cliffs, but, in any case, there was no doubt he meant to carry Vera away.

"I couldn't use the rifle, Mr. Lawson, for fear of hitting Vera. I shouted at him like a madman and I saw Vera stir in his arms. He must have seen that I carried the rifle for he called suddenly to me to halt. I saw him free his right hand and I knew he was groping for his knife.

"If you advance a step or raise your gun," he shouted, "I'll kill her!"

I guessed that tragedy was coming and expected Bangle Joe to falter in his story. But he didn't. His expression was placid; he might have been discussing some detail in the domestic routine of his hotel. He never even paused, and I began to think I was wrong about the tragedy.

"And then it must have occurred to Captain Birotteau that he was trapped. He couldn't hope to get away with Vera in his arms. Neither could he have dropped her and made for the cliffs, for I'd have been sure to bring him down with the rook-rifle in the clear moonlight. So he did the only other thing his evil mind could think of. He buried his knife in Vera's breast and in a moment he had gone, leaving her crumpled on the floor."

I felt the horror of the thing, but Bangle Joe's face showed no change of expression.

"I ran to her side and found her still conscious, although it was obvious the wound was fatal. She opened her eyes and recognised me as I took her in my arms. "I'm sorry, Joe—so very sorry," she said. "It would have been so wonderful."

"I couldn't believe that she was leaving me, Mr. Lawson. It seemed so wrong—so utterly unjust.

"It isn't over," I said dully. "It can't be!"

"She looked very strangely at me, her lovely eyes like dark pools. She seemed to be in a hurry to say something important.

"Perhaps you're right, Joe," she whispered. "If I came back for you we could still have those wonderful times, couldn't we?"

"I nodded, Mr. Lawson, for I couldn't speak.

"But I must know you haven't forgotten," she said. "Take the bangle off my wrist and keep it for me, Joe. Then you can return it to me when I come back and I'll know—"

"The life was going out of her very fast, Mr. Lawson. I heard the clock on the landing strike twice and she heard it, too, for she stopped and smiled at me.

"Same time—same place!" she said, just as she had said it a hundred times to me.

"I think maybe she couldn't see or hear any more after that, for her next words were, 'If you want me to come, kiss me, Joe.'"

"So I kissed her, Mr. Lawson. I think she died as my lips touched hers."

I had been watching Bangle Joe to see if the emotion he must have would show in his face. I was amazed to see that it didn't—in fact, he seemed to grow more cheerful, more expectant as he reached the end of his story. And then I suddenly realised the reason: Bangle Joe was actually looking forward to the time when his Vera would come for him and he would give her back the bangle as proof of his faithfulness! I must confess the thing



struck me as a little ridiculous, but not for worlds would I have let him read my thoughts. I groped for something to say and it was some time before I found it.

"And what of the Frenchman, this Captain Birotteau?" I asked. "Did you ever see him again?"

Bangle Joe smiled. It was the first change of expression I had seen since he commenced his story.

"Yes. Next day I found him lying on the rocks at the foot of the cliffs, his body washing gently to and fro. Half drunk as he was, in his hurry to escape from my rook-rifle he must have run straight over the edge. The night was clear, but you know how deceptive that stretch of cliff is, Mr. Lawson."

He poured another glass for me and pushed it across the table.

"And now you know what I was doing last night—never once in sixty years have I failed to be there when two o'clock has struck. God has granted that my health has never been bad enough to prevent it."

I couldn't stop myself from asking a question.

"And you think that some night, in due time, at two o'clock precisely she will meet you in the corridor?"

Bangle Joe paused in raising the glass to his lips and his glance was gentle reproving.

"No, Mr. Lawson, I don't think it. I know it. And I shall return to her the bangle and she'll know I haven't forgotten. I fear, Mr. Lawson, you've never been in love as ours in timeless, ageless. Had our positions been reversed I know that she would not have forgotten. I am a little old, now, but I do not think, Mr. Lawson, that that will matter."

It all seemed terribly ridiculous and pathetic. I confess I could only creep away and leave the old fellow, there in his study, to his memories and his dreams and his wonderful faith.

It was almost two years before I visited "The Cliffs" again. Bangle Joe was not at his desk when I entered; a stout youngish, pleasant-faced man had taken his place. I enquired for Bangle Joe and the man shook his head.

"Bangle Joe died some eighteen months ago," he said. "But we

kin give you any accommodation—"

I was genuinely shocked.

"I'm very sorry to hear that," I interrupted him. "I liked him immensely. He was a great age—I suppose he just wore out?"

"Matter of fact, there was something rather queer about it," the fellow said doubtfully. "They found 'im just before breakfast lying at the far end of the corridor. The outer door

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was open. They say 'e was dressed in 'is dressing-gown and 'ad a smile on 'is face. The doctor said 'e must 'ave been dead about seven hours."

I began to wonder then, for I remembered that breakfast was at nine o'clock.

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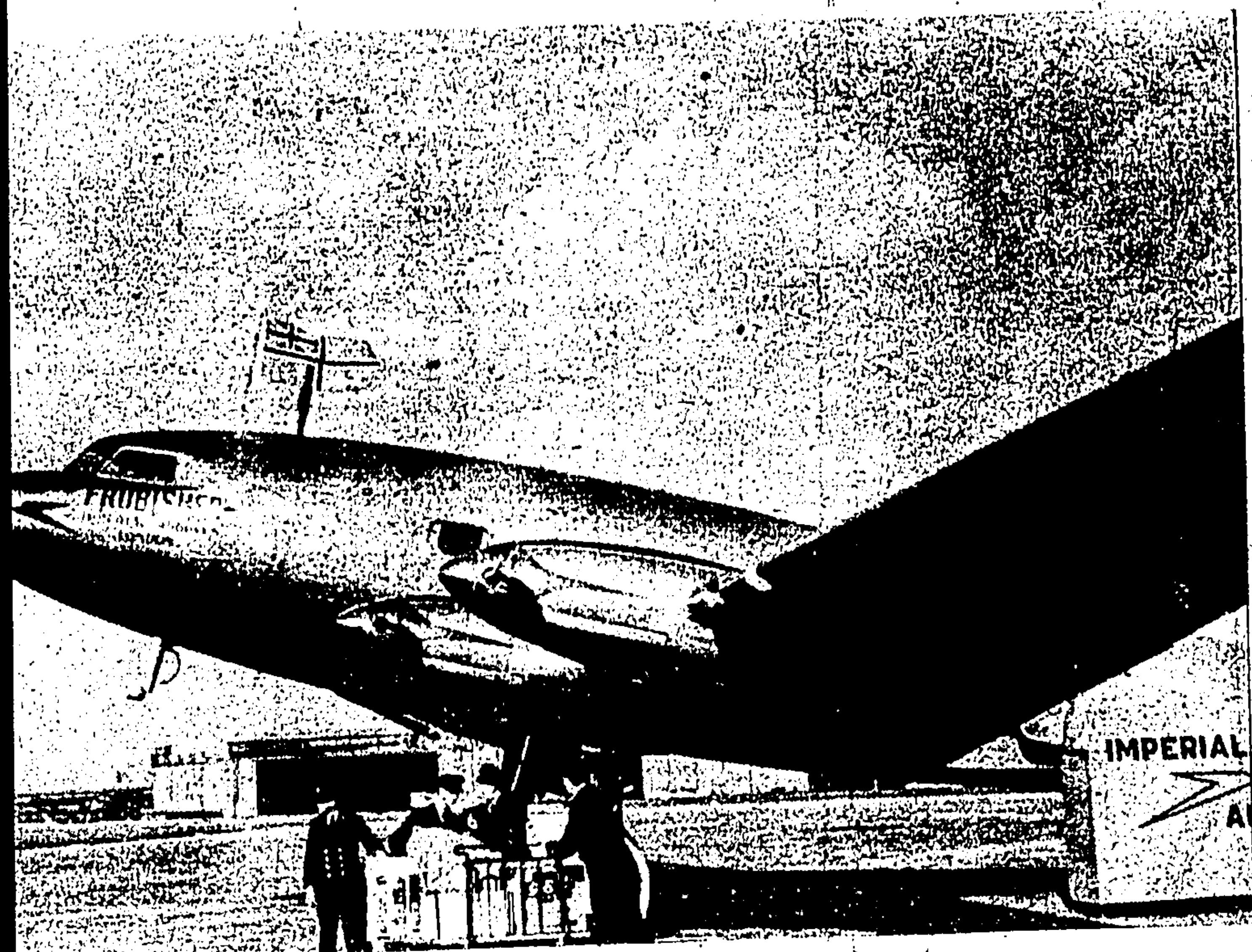
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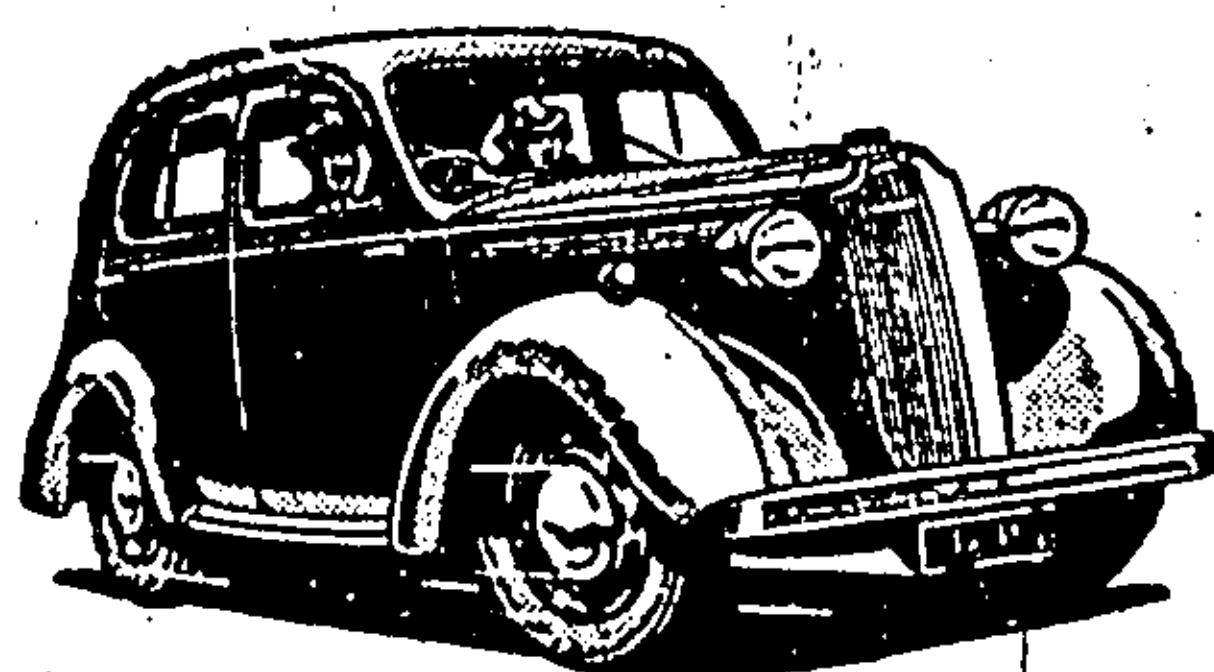
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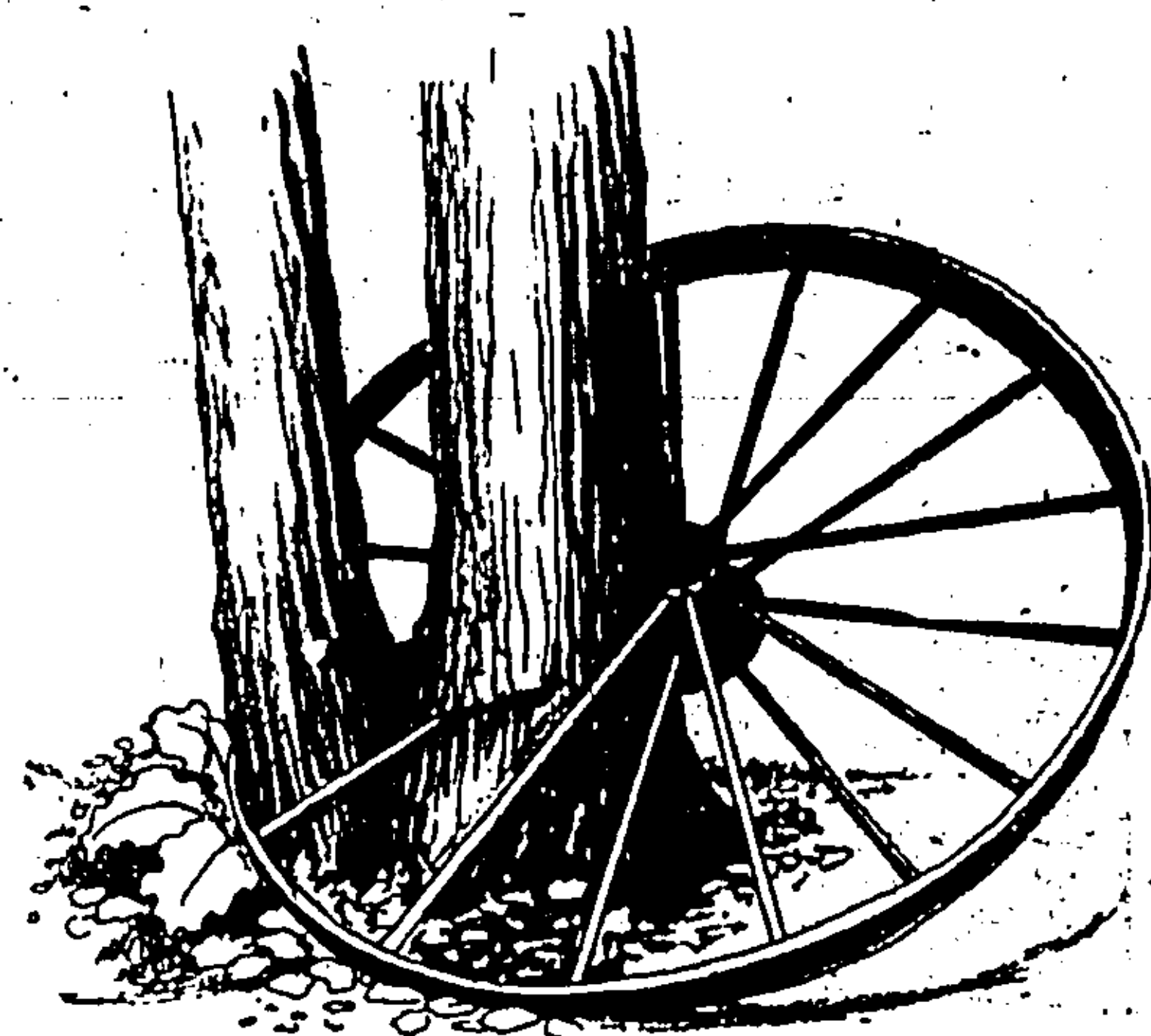
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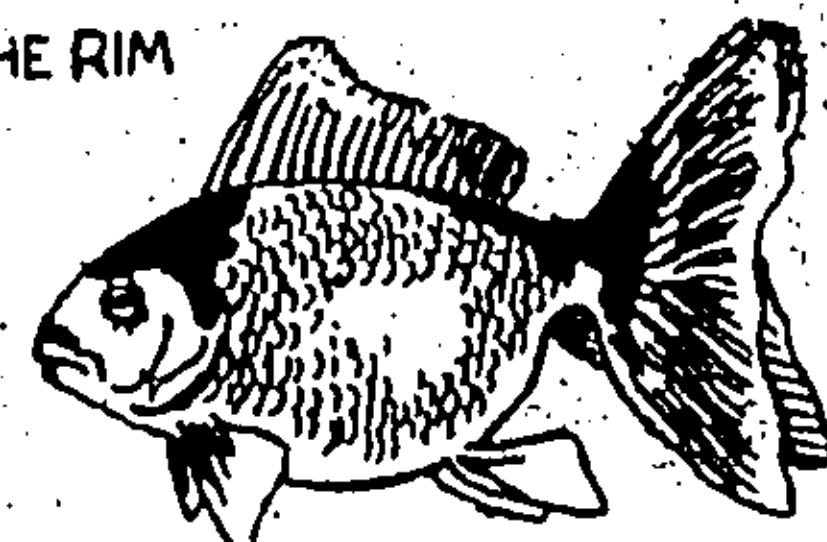
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WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

(By MARY BLAKE)

Be careful a sense of irritation does not cause you to be extremely fussy, this day. An inclination to be dictatorial will be the average person's besetting sin, and may be the underlying cause of many quarrels. Haste perhaps will be responsible for a great waste of both time and money. There is danger of the average person's efforts being misdirected, so consider carefully every phase of work you have to do. Market conditions may be peculiar, so use your best judgment in making purchases of any kind. What one man loses will most likely prove to be another's gain. According to a law of development, many embryonic ideas may become practical, so that this ought to be an auspicious day for inventors, architects, scenic artists and playwrights. Married and engaged couples, as well as those engaged in courtships, must be careful that conflicting emotions do not result in the use of poor judgment.

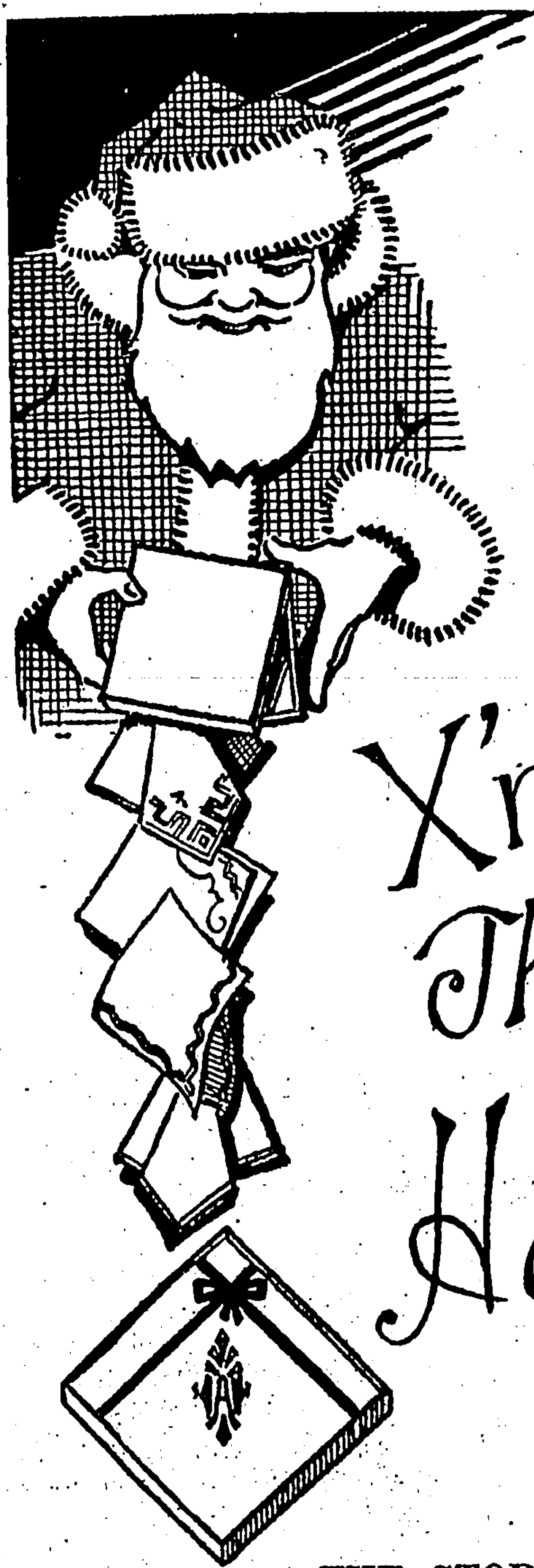
If a woman and December 23 is your birthday, your pleasure-loving proclivities may make you ignore the serious side of life. You ought to be able to develop a skill in work of a technical nature. Work that requires a combination of brain work and skilful hands, appears to be the most likely sort through which you can advance your personal fortune. Through some artistic line of endeavour, selling, writing, teaching, or as an office executive. You are apt to gain financial independence. Married life ought to have much to offer you in the way of advantages and happiness.

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INWARD MAILS

Shanghai	Conte Biancamano	December 23.
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Japan	Atuta Maru	December 23.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard.	Yunnan	December 24.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th Dec.	Imperial Airways Plane,	December 24.
Japan	Tusima Maru	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Marechal Joffre	December 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—San Francisco date, 2nd Dec.	Pres. Taft	December 25.
Manila	Phemius	December 25.
Straits	Bhutan	December 25.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	December 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Menestheus	December 26.
Manila	Pleasantville	December 26.
Japan	British Monarch	December 26.
Haiphong	Canton	December 27.
Bangkok and Hoihow	Kalgan	December 27.
Straits	Van Heutsz	December 27.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupei	December 28.
Manila	Potsdam	December 28.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st December	Pan-American Airways Plane,	Dec. 28.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 22nd Dec.	Imperial Airways Plane,	December 28.

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FRIDAY		
Parcels only for Rangoon	Hongkong	Dec. 23, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Sagres	Dec. 23, 3 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Atuta Maru	Fri., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday	K.P.O.—Reg.	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Island, 5th January, 1939.	Ord.	Dec. 23, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.—Reg.	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 23, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY		
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Atuta Maru	Sat., Dec. 24, 9.15 a.m.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Island, 5th January, 1939.	Reg.	Sat., Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Corfu Service"—due Amsterdam, 3rd January, 1939.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 24, 9.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
	Ord.	Sat., Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. & S. Africa, Corfu	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th January, 1939.	Par.	Dec. 24, 9.45 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Sat., Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Air France Service"—due Marseilles, 8th January, 1939.	Marechal Joffre	Sat., Dec. 24, 1.30 p.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 24, 2 p.m.
	Par.	Dec. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Marechal Joffre	Dec. 24, 2.30 p.m.
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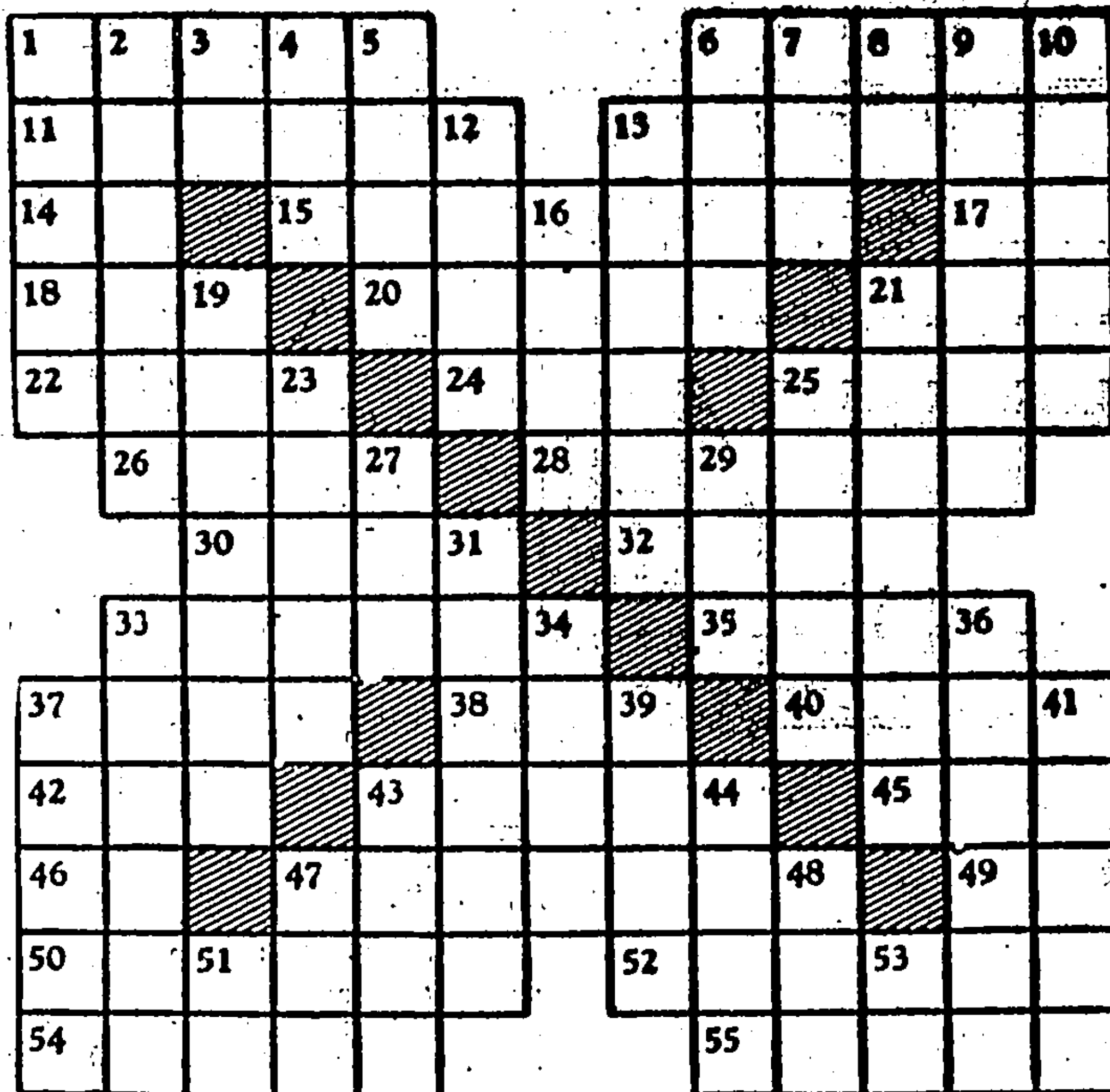
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24 Prior to
25 Prohibits
26 Platform
28 Begins
30 Blow
32 Speck
33 Part of coat
35 Implement
37 Puts on
38 Things in law
40 Fate
42 Vetch
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45 Music: as written
46 One
47 To compare critically

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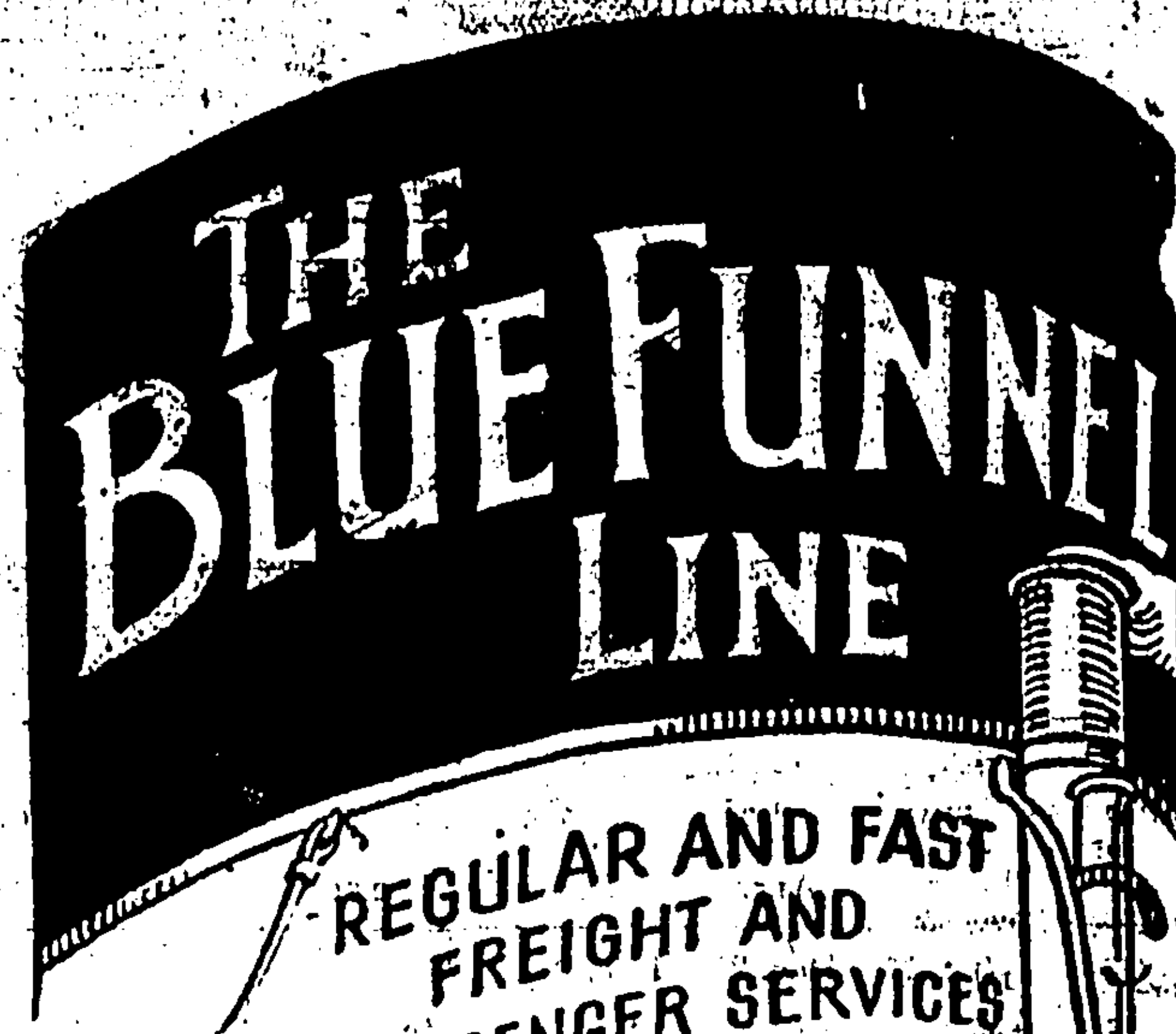
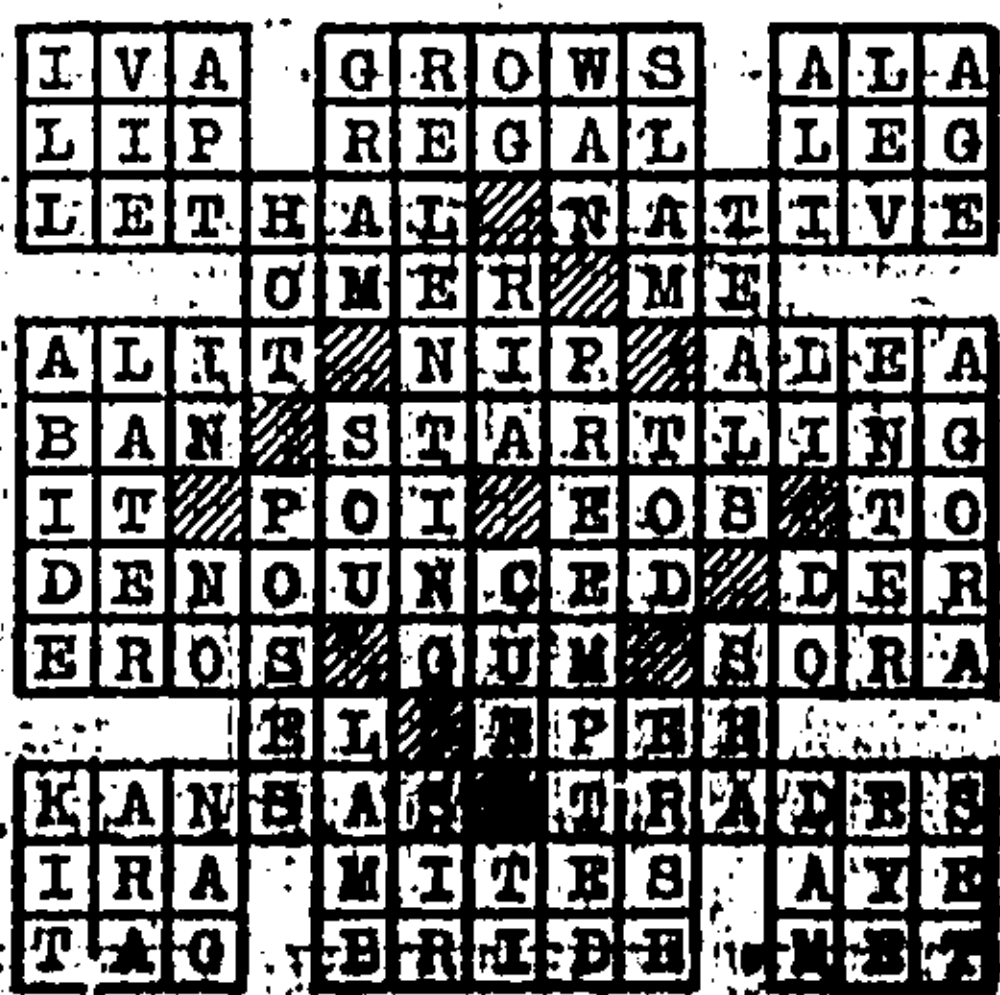
- 49 Exists
50 Envoy
52 Macaw
54 Pledge to wed
55 Showers
1 Prongs
2 Worshipped

3 Pronoun

- 4 Light tap
5 Dross
6 Tableland
7 High (mus.)
8 Note of scale
9 Greek city
10 Musical pipes

12 To turn quickly

- 13 Faces with masonry
16 Malay gibbon (pl.)
19 Argues
21 Bugle calls
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25 To ponder moodily
27 Sodium chloride
29 Likely
31 Promise
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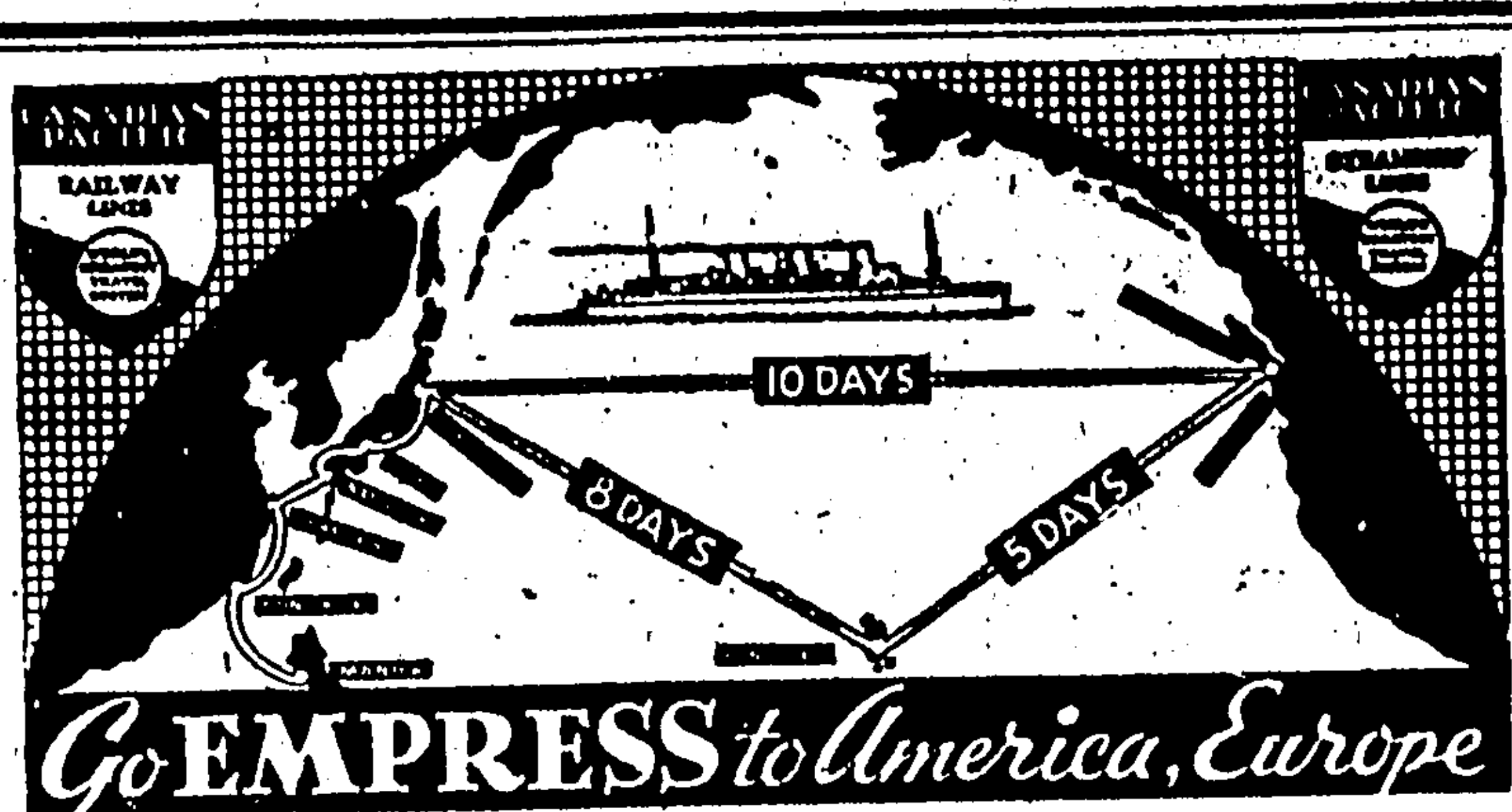
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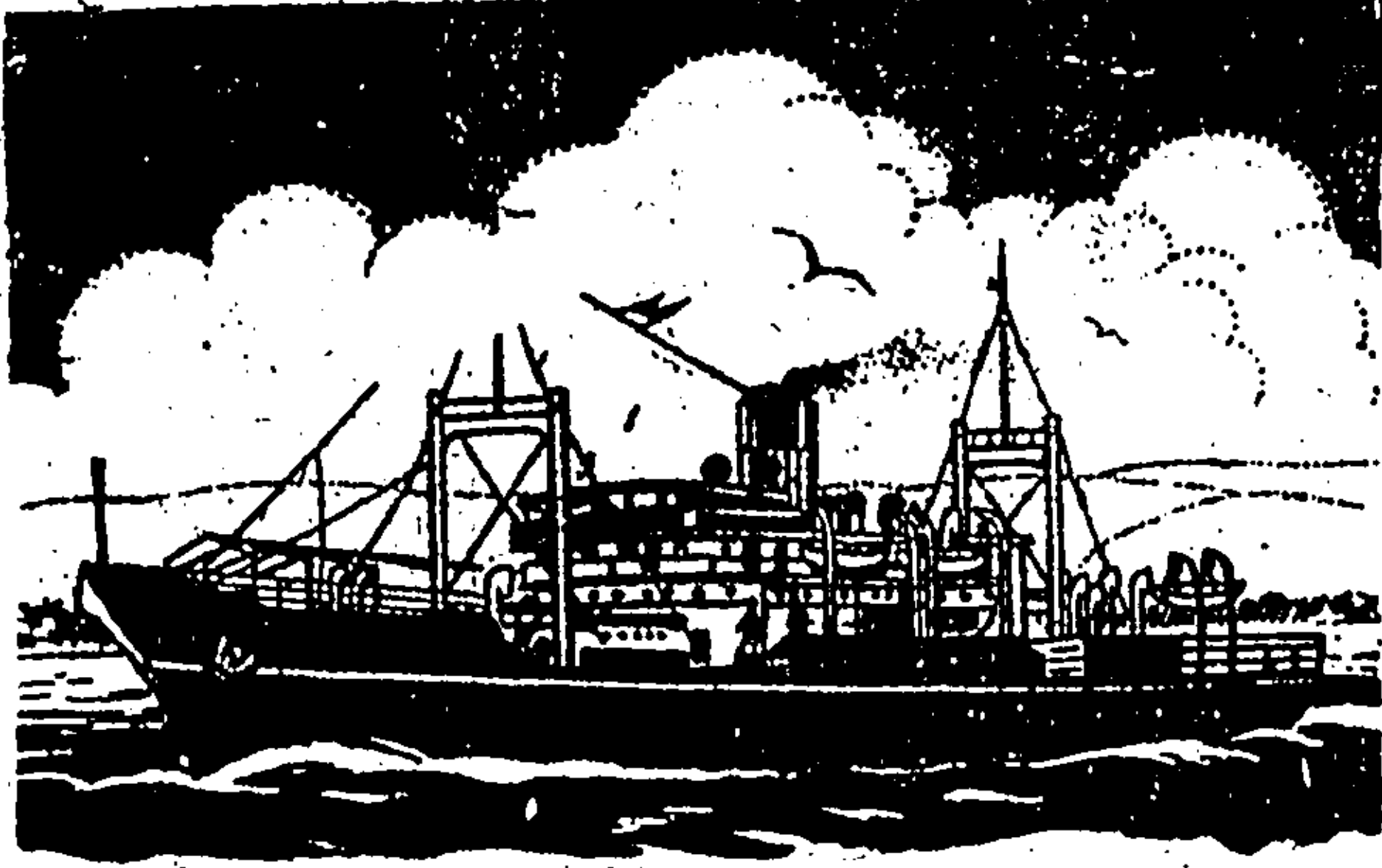
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Mr. Lawson (Labour) raised the question of unemployment in the Commons adjournment debate, and stressed the sapping of moral fibre and destruction of self-respect by long periods of involuntary idleness suffered in areas where unemployment was most severe.

Replying for the Government, Mr. Ernest Brown denied any lack of sensitiveness on the part of Ministers to the tragedy of unemployment, or any wish to deny the deterioration in employment figures, which he thought was an inevitable consequence of the fall in the price level of primary commodities.

At the same time it was right to recognise that there had been a great increase in the well-being of the people as a whole over the past four years as result of the fall in the cost of living, and that the relief of the misfortunes of unemployment through the insurance scheme, public assistance and general social services was on a scale not matched in any other country in the world.—British Wireless.

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Mr. Macdonald said he had received a despatch from the Governor, outlining proposals, and the depressed condition of industry in the Island were receiving his own constant attention.

He had recently approved, on the recommendation of the Governor, a subsidy to enable flax mills to reopen, to cover loans to small property owners for house repairs and to aid the rise in wages of Government employees.

A Superintendent of Education had been appointed. Mr. Macdonald also announced.

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2nd Half Of Racing Reviewed

Silkylight's Wonderful Performances

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Salvage Master Holds Its Own In Absence Of Louis XIV

(By "RAPIER")

WITH the completion of the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting at the Valley last Saturday the racing season for 1938 was brought to a most successful conclusion.

Arrangements at every meeting have been carried out with that degree of efficiency for which the Hong Kong Jockey Club has won unstinted appreciation, and I for one would like to extend congratulations to all concerned for the manner in which the general public has been catered for.

In reviewing racing activities for the second half of the season, I only propose to touch on the most salient features.

The second stage of racing was remarkable for one outstanding feature, i.e., every meeting, without exception, was conducted under most favourable weather conditions, and this no doubt assisted materially in attracting more patrons to the Valley, so that by the time the last meeting was held, the number of persons present constituted an all-time record.

The track was very well nursed, and its splendid condition certainly produced keen racing, with the inevitable result that fast times were clocked, and in some instances records were broken.

1938 CHAMPION JOCKEY

Turning first of all to the Jockeys, Mr. C. Encarnacao deserves congratulations on having attained the title "Champion Jockey for 1938." He has had 25 firsts, 19 seconds and 17 thirds to his credit, with 42 unplaced outings.

Up till Saturday last, Mr. Encarnacao only had Mr. A. W. Raymond as his nearest rival, and between them it was a case as to which one would score the most wins on that day. Mr. Encarnacao won on Lucky, and Mr. Raymond on Double Chance, but neither of them could improve on this, with the result that the former emerged winner, one victory ahead of his rival. Mr. Raymond has also done remarkably well, with 24 firsts, 17 seconds, 12 thirds, and 73 times unplaced. Mr. Needa occupies third position, followed by Messrs. B. A. Proulx, H. C. Pih, S. C. Liang and P. Y. T. Wei.

Riding only from the commencement of the second half, Mr. Wei scored 11 firsts, which represents a very good record.

THE OWNERS

Among the owners, Mr. Eu Tong-sen secures top honours, for which he has had a good deal to thank for the superb riding of his stable jockey, Mr. Encarnacao, assisted to a certain extent by Mr. Poy.

Mr. Li Lan-sang comes next, followed by Messrs. L. Dunbar, and Li Po-chun, and Mrs. Dunbar. As the owner of only one pony, Mr. Moller can claim to having accomplished the greatest achievement with Silkylight, a pony that has established itself as being the most outstanding among the griffins, China ponies.

NEW GRIFFINS

In dealing with the griffins, China ponies, of this year, one cannot help being impressed by the wonderful performances of Silkylight throughout the year. It started off by winning the Maiden Stakes, the Hong Kong Derby, and then inflicted on Liberty Bay its first defeat, in the Champions at the Annual Race Meeting. It then continued merrily on to win other races, including the St. Leger, in which the record was lowered (unofficially), and at the last meeting it capped its brilliant career by winning the Autumn Champions.

It not only won this event fairly easily, but it smashed the record for the distance, which had been proudly held by Liberty Bay.

CONFUSION BAY'S IMPROVEMENT
The next best pony in line of merit is undoubtedly Confusion Bay, which has made steady improvement after the Summer interval. It had two wins to its credit, the Hong Kong Griffins

Cup and the Surrey Handicap, in the last of which it beat Silkylight, but with an advantage in weight. Although Confusion Bay lost to Silkylight in both the St. Leger and Autumn Champions, it was not disgraced. It simply had to admit defeat to a far superior pony.

Expression Time, belonging to Mr. Li Po-chun, has done quite well, and its wins on two occasions were fully deserved. Ridden by Mr. Needa, it accounted for the Tweed Island Bay Handicap and the Nathan Handicap.

In Elizabeth, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn had a griffin which failed during the Annual Meeting and the subsequent Extra Meetings, but after the Summer interval it made rapid improvement, with the result that it scored three nice wins, all of which were over the six furlongs distance.

TAMPA BAY

Tampa Bay, belonging to Mr. L. Dunbar, was another pony which was not a success earlier on, but since then it has had a few wins, in one of which it was unfortunately disqualified for boring and bumping.

Yet another pony in Lucky, owned by Mr. Eu Tong-sen, only manifested its racing ability well towards the end of the season. It was conspicuous by its absence for several meetings, and it was not until the Twelfth Extra that it very nearly created a minor sensation in the Portobello Handicap. Ridden by Mr. Poy, the pony came second to Tampa Bay and was later adjudged the winner as a result of the latter's disqualification. Had it won, it would



have paid a very substantial dividend. It subsequently won the Tardy Handicap, this time under the control of Mr. Encarnacao.

Rose Jane (Mr. Encarnacao), Jober (Mr. Raymond), Scenic View (Mr. H. C. Pih) and Just In Time (Mr. Wade) were the other griffins of this season each with a win to its credit.

OLD GRIFFINS

Nothing much of interest can really be said with regard to the old griffins, as with the advent of Silkylight even the stalwarts like King's Warden and Bear Claw were relegated to back seats. King's Warden, under Mr. Needa, did well in winning the Double Tenth Plate, but its only opposition came from Cameronian. Mrs. Dunbar's Bear Claw has had two outings without success, but her other candidate, Red Feather, did remarkably well.

It started off by winning the Kwang-si Handicap, the Wyndham Handicap, and then went on to score a very meritorious win in the St. Andrew's Stakes, which it won for the second year in succession.

Gold Coin, with Mr. C. F. Chiu up, carried off the Junk Bay Handicap, and then, under the control of Mr. Encarnacao, won the Hunan Handicap. The other ponies with a win each are as follows: — Expansion Time (Mr. Needa), Tyne (Mr. L. B. Chao), Estover (Mr. Raymond), Rob Roy (Mr. Encarnacao), Valorous (Mr. Needa) and Good Morning (Mr. S. L. Yuen).

NEW SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS

Louis XIV, owned by Mr. S. W. Tang, was an absentee throughout the second half of the season, and Smiling Thru, belonging to Mr. Eu Tong-sen, failed to appear after winning the Sub-Griffins Autumn Plate. It is reported that both ponies went lame.

In their absence, Salvage Master, owned by Mr. Brayfield, has had practically no opposition, resulting in three wins and a second.

In the big sweep, over the Kwang-tung Handicap, Salvage Master was responsible for paying out the huge prize, and it then continued to win both the St. Leger and Autumn Champions. In all its outings Salvage Master was ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao.

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ROYAL SCOTS INDIVIDUAL BOXING TITLES

The finals of the individual boxing championships of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots were held at Murray Barracks last night and resulted as follows:—

The following were the results:
Bantamweight.—Pte. Craig beat Pte. 40 Scott.
Featherweight.—L/Cpl. McCuaig beat L/Cpl. Brown.
Lightweight.—Pte. Scots 70 beat L/Cpl. Morley.
Middleweight.—Bds. Emmerson beat Pte. McNally.
Heavyweight.—L/Cpl. Peebles received walk-over from Pte. Sharman.
Welterweight.—Cpl. Elliott beat Pte. McReady.

Special contests.—Pte. Bankier beat Pte. Myles; Boy Gillis beat Boy Rogers; Boy Martin beat Boy Maxwell and L/Cpl. Barker beat L/Cpl. Miller.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings For Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting list for Fanling on Christmas Day, Sunday.

OLD COURSE

9.16 a.m. I. P. Tamworth, G. E. R. Divett.
9.20 " C. M. Gee, I. H. Geare.
9.24 " C. D. N. Walker, M. G. Caruthers.
9.28 " R. G. Parker, R. G. Gray.
9.32 " A. B. Stafford, D. I. Bosanquet.
9.36 " J. W. Mayhew, G. McGrane.
9.40 " J. A. D. Morrison, S. H. Dodwell.

10.32 " H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
NEW COURSE
9.24 a.m. A. D. Humphreys, W. G. Adams.
9.28 " Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Adams.
10.32 " Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

STONECUTTERS AND 30TH R.A. SOCCER WINS

Two Third Division Football matches were played at the valley yesterday and in the "A" section, 30th Battery R.A. beat Stanley by a goal scored by Cook in the second half.

In the other game, Stonecutters kept in the running in the "B" Division, when they defeated Medicals by one goal, netted by Chapman in the first half.

MARRIED v. SINGLE AT H.K.C.C.

A match has been arranged between married and single members of the Hong Kong Cricket Club to-morrow, commencing at 2 p.m.:

Married.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), S. J. Cooke, L. A. R. Duncan, G. P. Longfield, Major G. P. Murray, A. E. Perry, L. T. Ride, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker, F. H. Stokes, Major J. E. Sawyer.
Single.—A. C. Beck (Capt.), Lieut.-Comdr. Glenister, R. H. Griffiths, M. F. L. Haymes, R. M. M. King, D. O. Parsons, J. L. C. Pearce, J. E. Potter, P. H. Scoones, C. D. N. Walker and Capt. Whitmarsh.

BIGGEST DIVIDEND

The next best performance came from National Guard, a pony that failed to impress at earlier meetings. In winning the Fukien Plate, with Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai in control, National Guard was instrumental in paying out the biggest dividend, i.e., \$530.00. At a later meeting, with Mr. R. M. Wood up, it won the Taiipo Handicap, this time paying out only a nominal dividend.

Mr. C. F. Chiu scored a good win on Piet Hein in the Tynecastle Handicap, and this pony later came second in the Autumn Champions. Easy Time (Mr. Needa) and Wenning (Mr. Wade)

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FIRST DIVISION

ASTON		Grimsby (-)
VILLA (-)	v	Bolton (1)
CHARLTON (1)	v	Liverpool (1)
Chelsea (8)	v	Blackpool (1)
EVERTON (3)	v	
HUDDERS-		
FIELD (0)	v	Brentford (3)
MANCHES-		
TER U. (-)	v	Middlesbro' (-)
Portsmouth (0)	v	ARSENAL (0)
PRESTON (3)	v	Leeds (1)
Stoke (1)	v	Leicester (2)
SUNDER-		
LAND (1)	v	Birmingham (0)
Wolves (2)	v	Derby (2)

SECOND DIVISION

BRADFORD (3)	v	Norwich (0)
BURNLEY (2)	v	Coventry (0)
BURY (2)	v	Wednesday (0)
CHESTER-		
FIELD (-)	v	Millwall (-)
Luton (-)	v	WEST

BROM. (-)

Plymouth (2)	v	Newcastle (1)
SHEFFIELD		
U. (2)	v	Notts F. (1)
SWANSEA (-)	v	Manchester C. (-)
TOTTEN-		
HAM (3)	v	Southampton (0)
Tranmere (-)	v	BLACKBURN (-)
West Ham (0)	v	Fulham (0)

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot (-)	v	Port Vale (-)
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Bristol C. (0)	v	Watford (3)
CRYSTAL P. (0)	v	Bournemouth (1)
EXETER (2)	v	Cardiff (1)
MANSFIELD (1)	v	Bristol R. (0)
NEWPORT (3)	v	Clapton (1)
NORTHAMP-		
TON (0)	v	Torquay (3)

NOTTS C. (3)	v	Swindon (0)
Queen's P.R. (3)	v	Reading (0)
SOUTHEND (-)	v	Ipswich (-)
Walsall (0)	v	BRIGHTON (3)

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)		
Accrington (3)	v	HALIFAX (4)
BARNESLEY (-)	v	Oldham (-)
Darlington (4)	v	Bradford C. (2)
Gateshead (2)	v	Crowe (0)
Hartlepoons (4)	v	Carlisle (1)
HULL (2)	v	Chester (2)
LINCOLN (5)	v	Barrow (0)
ROCHDALE (2)	v	Rotherham (0)
STOCKPORT (-)	v	New Brighton (-)
Wrexham (4)	v	SOUTHPORT (1)
YORK (2)	v	Doncaster (0)

SCOTTISH DIVISION

ABERDEEN (1)	v	Celtic (1)
Albion (-)	v	Ayr (-)
CLYDE (2)	v	Falkirk (4)
HAMILTON (2)	v	Arbroath (2)
HEARTS (3)	v	Partick (0)
KILMAR-		
NOCK (0)	v	Motherwell (2)
QUEEN O'S. (3)	v	Hibernian (2)
QUEEN'S P. (2)	v	St. Johnstone (0)

**THREE AWAY
PROBABLES**

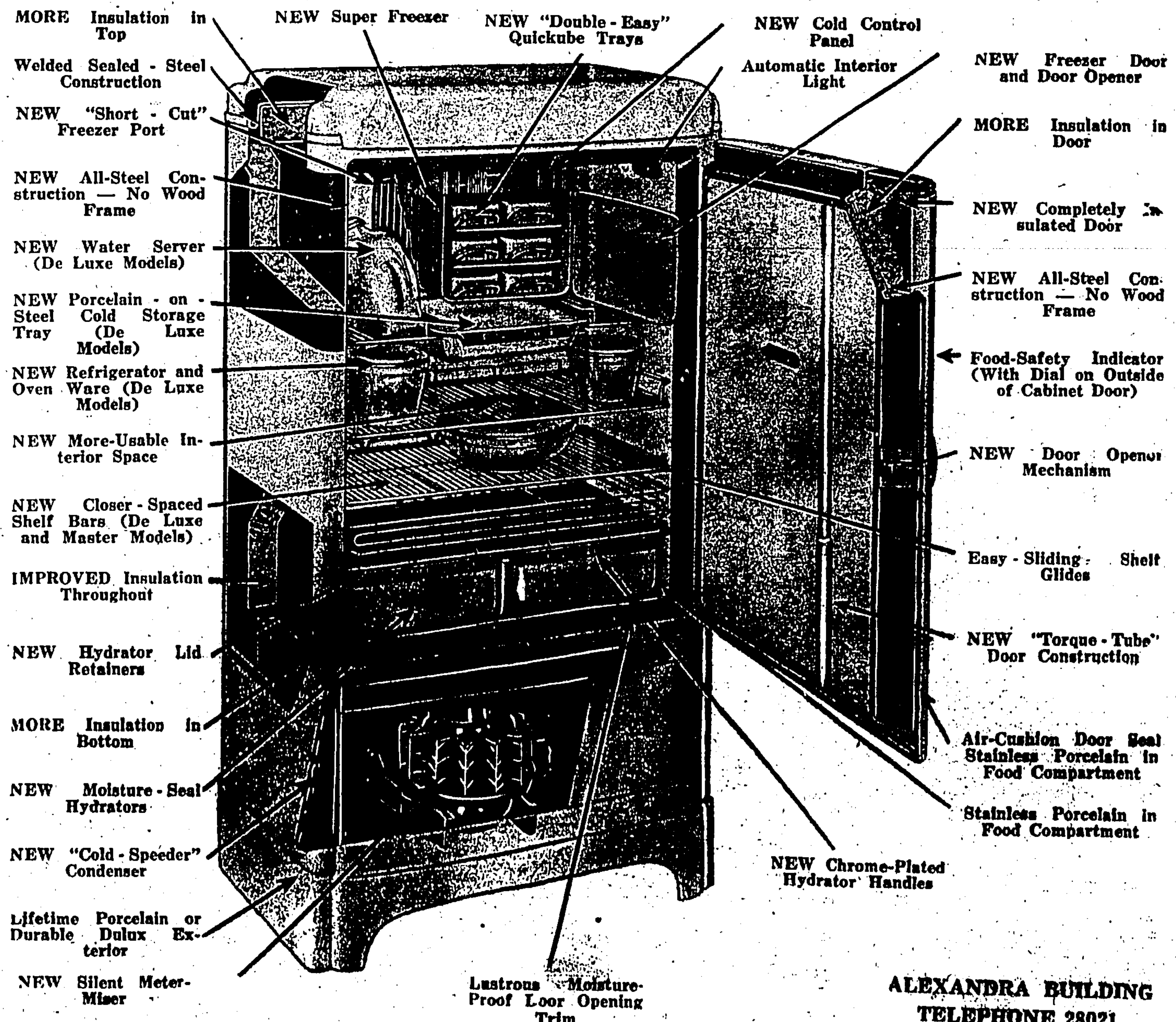
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Wolves.—An anything possible match. Wolves on top form. Derby with something to get back for last week's slip. Mansfield.—Two tough Cup-ties this week may rob them of a home win which would be a banker in other conditions.

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		LANARK (-)
RANGERS (4)	v	St. Mirren (0)

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"Rapier" Reviews Second Half Of Season

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provided a most thrilling climax in the Powderhall Handicap, and so close was the finish that the Judges awarded a dead-heat. The Leopard (Mr. Wei) won the Jordan Handicap, which it did with very little effort.

OLD SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS

Little material is available for a review of the activities of the old subscription griffins, but pride of honour must be given to Racing Boy, a member of the old brigade, which won two events. At the 10th Extra Meeting, ridden by Mr. S. C. Liang, it won the Norfolk Handicap, and then at the 12th Extra, with a change of jockey in Mr. Chanson, it won the Heart O'Midlothian Handicap.

Wild Cat, belonging to Mr. Li Lamsang, also came into the picture with a splendid win, the Shum Chun Handicap. Ridden by Mr. Pih it had to be consistently whipped before it managed to beat Rose Evelyn.

Rose Evelyn has also done very well, with two wins to its credit, the Connaught Handicap and the Portobello Handicap (second section), in the last of which it was carrying the maximum load of 168 lbs. and over the 1 1/4-mile distance. It was ridden by Mr. En-

caracao on both occasions, but this jockey had the unfortunate experience of being unseated by Rose Evelyn before the commencement of the Connaught Handicap race.

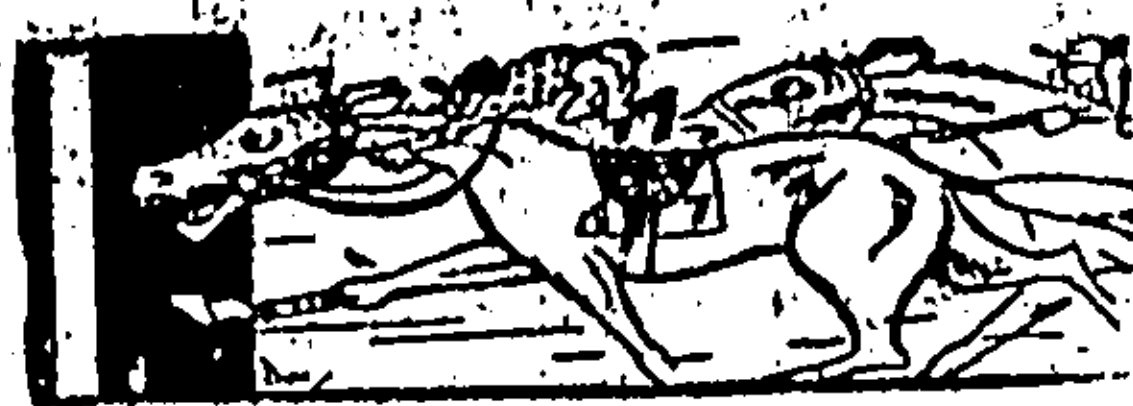
FITTING CLIMAX

Coronation Day, after some very poor performances, came back with a neat little win in the Norfolk Handicap, with Mr. Chanson up, and Tabby Cat (Mr. Pih) had to wait until the last race of this last meeting before making its winning bow to the judges.

In one race, Double Chance was expected to win—it failed—but in the Dilatory Handicap, Mr. Raymond, the jockey, made no mistake about it. Taking the lead just before rounding the bend, he had to whip the pony practically all the way down the home stretch in order to secure the shortest possible verdict over Plain View.

NEW AUSTRALIAN PONIES

Lucky Lad can be regarded as the best among the new Australian ponies of this season. Mr. Proulx had the satisfaction of riding Lucky Lad in the Fremantle St. Leger, but he also had the mortification of being beaten by the same pony in the Autumn Champions. Riding Lancashire Chips, he



was leading when within striking distance from the winning post, but from behind came Mr. Needa on Lucky Lad.

Both Criffel and King's Privilege failed to reveal their form during the first half of racing, but since then they came into their own. Both ridden by Mr. Needa, the former had had two wins, the Vauluse Handicap and Cantala Handicap, whilst the latter won the Blackford Hill Handicap.

King's Privilege forced the pace in the Fremantle St. Leger, but it faded out of the picture long before the race was over. Bredon was the only other pony that won a race, the Ballarat Handicap. The Rooky-Hill Derby winner, Tornado Star, failed to produce its earlier form, and though strongly supported failed to win the St. Leger.

OLD AUSTRALIAN PONIES

Among the old Australian ponies, I consider that Lancashire Chips has done best. Since it was acquired by Mrs. J. H. Taggart, this pony has proved its worth on more than one occasion, and I think this lady owner has good reason to feel satisfied with her acquisition. It won the Queensland Handicap, and then proceeded to give a sterling exhibition in the Cramond Brig Handicap, which it not only won

but in which it lowered the record for the distance (from the one and a half mile post). It was a grand race to watch, when with a superior effort it snatched this win from Courting Eve, which was coming through very strongly.

Although it failed in the Autumn Champions, Lancashire Chips did quite well to come in second. Courting Eve did not win a race and ended up by becoming lame. Able Amazon, after having remained fairly quiet for some time, came into the picture again by winning the Laggards Handicap.

SUBSTANTIAL DIVIDEND

Ridden by Mr. Pih, Brutus won the Katoomba Handicap, but its best performance was when it carried off the Newcastle Handicap. It was being ridden by Mr. Treverton, the owner-riding jockey, and it was responsible for paying out a very substantial dividend.

Violet Queen won the Gosford Handicap, but in a later race it let its supporters down with a vengeance. The game little cream pony, Snowy River, had a good win in the Nullah Nullah Handicap, and it did remarkably well to take third place in the Autumn Champions.

To Centre Court went the credit of paying out the second biggest dividend of the second half, when those who backed it in the Canberra Handicap collected no less than \$205.20 for a \$5.00 ticket. Vixen Tor also won a race, and it was not until last Saturday that Discovery Bay scraped through to win a race in its own class.

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League Tables & Form Guide

COVERING the last five League matches, this guide to current form in the English and Scottish Football League indicates venue, opponent and result, with the most recent result on the extreme right column. (a18) indicates that the team played away to Team No. 18.

Home Football Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION										
1 Arsenal	(h14)	0-0	(a17)	1-1	(h 3)	3-1	(a16)	0-1	(h20)	4-1
2 Aston Villa	(h 8)	6-2	(a19)	2-3	(h 7)	2-0	(a 5)	2-1	(h13)	2-1
3 Birmingham	(a12)	1-3	(h18)	2-0	(a 1)	1-3	(h 6)	5-1	(a 4)	1-4
4 Blackpool	(h13)	1-2	(h15)	0-1	(h14)	1-1	(a17)	2-9	(h 3)	2-1
5 Bolton	(a 9)	0-3	(h11)	1-1	(a21)	2-2	(h 2)	1-2	(a22)	1-1
6 Brentford	(h15)	2-1	(a14)	1-1	(h17)	2-1	(h 3)	1-5	(h16)	2-5
7 Charlton	(a11)	1-1	(h21)	3-0	(a 2)	0-2	(h22)	0-4	(a10)	4-1
8 Chelsea	(a 2)	2-6	(h22)	1-3	(a10)	1-4	(h12)	3-0	(a18)	1-2
9 Derby	(h 5)	3-0	(a13)	4-1	(h15)	2-2	(a14)	3-2	(h17)	1-4
10 Everton	(h16)	3-0	(a20)	0-0	(h 8)	4-1	(a19)	1-0	(h 7)	1-4
11 Grimsby	(h 7)	1-1	(a 5)	1-2	(h13)	3-2	(a15)	2-2	(h14)	6-1
12 Huddersfield	(h 3)	3-1	(a17)	1-1	(h20)	1-4	(a 8)	0-3	(h19)	3-0
13 Leeds	(a 4)	2-1	(h 9)	1-4	(a11)	2-3	(h21)	3-3	(a 2)	1-2
14 Leicester	(a 1)	0-0	(h 6)	1-1	(a 4)	1-1	(h 9)	2-3	(a11)	1-0
15 Liverpool	(a 6)	1-2	(h 4)	1-0	(a 9)	2-2	(h11)	2-2	(a21)	3-2
16 Manchester U.	(a10)	0-3	(h12)	1-1	(a 8)	0-0	(h1)	1-0	(a 6)	5-2
17 Middlesbro'	(a18)	1-1	(h 1)	1-1	(a 6)	1-2	(h 4)	9-2	(a 9)	4-1
18 Portsmouth	(h17)	1-1	(a 3)	0-2	(h16)	0-0	(a20)	1-1	(h 8)	2-1
19 Preston	(a21)	2-1	(h 2)	3-2	(a22)	0-3	(h10)	0-1	(a12)	0-3
20 Stoke	(a22)	0-3	(h10)	0-0	(a12)	4-1	(h18)	1-1	(a 1)	1-4
21 Sunderland	(h19)	1-1	(a 7)	0-3	(h 5)	2-2	(a13)	3-3	(h15)	2-3
22 Wolves	(h20)	3-0	(a 8)	3-1	(h19)	3-0	(a 7)	4-0	(h 5)	1-1

SECOND DIVISION										
1 Blackburn	(h11)	3-0	(a21)	0-2	(h12)	6-0	(a16)	3-1	(h14)	4-0
2 Bradford	(h16)	2-1	(a16)	1-3	(h13)	1-2	(a15)	1-3	(h21)	4-4
3 Burnley	(a 5)	2-3	(h19)	3-1	(a22)	0-1	(h 9)	1-1	(a20)	1-4
4 Bury	(h 8)	2-5	(a14)	1-0	(h15)	2-2	(a11)	0-6	(h18)	3-1
5 Chesterfield	(h 3)	3-2	(a18)	2-2	(h16)	6-1	(a 8)	0-5	(h13)	7-1
6 Coventry	(a 9)	0-3	(h 2)	3-1	(a17)	4-2	(h 7)	3-1	(a19)	2-1
7 Fulham	(h21)	3-0	(a12)	3-3	(h 8)	2-1	(a 6)	1-3	(h15)	1-2
8 Luton	(a 4)	5-2	(h20)	1-5	(a 7)	1-2	(h 5)	5-0	(a10)	1-2
9 Manchester C.	(h 6)	3-0	(a13)	4-3	(h11)	4-1	(a 8)	1-1	(h12)	4-1
10 Millwall	(h13)	5-0	(a11)	2-2	(h21)	1-5	(a18)	0-4	(h 8)	2-1
11 Newcastle	(a 1)	0-3	(h10)	2-2	(a 9)	1-4	(h 4)	6-0	(a17)	1-0
12 Norwich	(a20)	0-7	(h 7)	3-3	(a 1)	0-6	(h19)	2-0	(a 9)	1-4
13 Notts F.	(a10)	0-5	(h 9)	3-4	(a 2)	1-2	(h20)	3-3	(a 5)	1-7
14 Plymouth	(a22)	1-2	(h 4)	0-1	(a20)	2-1	(h17)	0-0	(a 1)	0-4
15 Sheffield U.	(a19)	2-0	(h22)	3-1	(a 4)	2-2	(h 2)	3-1	(a 7)	2-1
16 Southampton	(a 2)	1-2	(h17)	4-1	(a 5)	1-6	(h 1)	1-3	(a22)	2-1
17 Swansea	(h18)	1-1	(a16)	1-4	(h 6)	2-4	(a14)	0-0	(h11)	0-1
18 Tottenham	(a17)	1-1	(h 5)	2-2	(a19)	2-0	(h10)	4-0	(a 4)	1-3
19 Tranmere	(h15)	0-2	(a 3)	1-3	(h18)	0-2	(a12)	0-2	(h 6)	1-2
20 Wednesday	(h12)	7-0	(a 8)	5-1	(h14)	1-2	(a13)	3-3	(h 3)	4-1
21 West Brom.	(a 7)	0-3	(h 1)	2-0	(a10)	5-1	(h22)	3-2	(a 2)	4-4
22 West Ham	(h14)	2-1	(a15)	1-3	(h 3)	1-0	(a21)	2-3	(h16)	1-2

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)										
1 Aldershot	(h11)	3-0	(a16)	0-7	(h18)	1-0	(h 6)	1-1	(h 2)	2-1
2 Bournemouth	(a13)	0-2	(h12)	0-1	(a 7)	1-1	(a19)	2-4	(a 1)	1-2
3 Brighton	(a12)	0-2	(h 7)	2-0	(a20)	2-0	(a15)	1-1	(a14)	3-4
4 Bristol C.	(a18)	0-2	(h 9)	0-1	(h10)	3-2	(a17)	2-2	(h21)	2-1
5 Bristol R.	(a 7)	1-2	(h20)	0-1	(a19)	1-2	(a22)	1-4	(a13)	1-2
6 Cardiff	(a15)	1-1	(h22)	5-3	(a 8)	0-2	(a 1)	1-1	(a20)	3-1
7 Clapton	(h 5)	2-1	(a 3)	0-3	(h 2)	1-1	(h11)	0-0	(h10)	1-1
8 Crystal P.	(h18)	4-3	(a 9)	4-4	(h 6)	2-0	(h17)	0-0	(h11)	6-2
9 Exeter	(h 8)	4-4	(a 4)	1-0	(a14)	1-2	(h13)	3-2	(a19)	1-2
10 Ipswich	(a19)	1-1	(h15)	2-0	(a22)	0-0	(a 4)	2-3	(a 7)	1-1
11 Mansfield	(a 1)	0-3	(h14)	2-0	(a13)	4-3	(a 7)	0-0	(a 8)	2-6
12 Newport	(h 3)	2-0	(a 2)	1-0	(h21)	2-1	(h16)	2-0	(h17)	2-0
13 Northampton	(a21)	0-1	(h11)	3-4	(h18)	2-2	(a 9)	2-3	(h 5)	2-1
14 Notts C.	(h21)	0-0	(a11)	0-2	(h16)	0-0	(h 9)	1-3	(h 3)	4-3
15 Port Vale	(h 6)	1-1	(a10)	0-2	(h17)	0-2	(h 3)	1-1	(h18)	2-2
16 Queen P.R.	(a 4)	2-2	(h 1)	7-0	(a14)	0-0	(a12)	0-2	(a22)	1-4
17 Reading	(h19)	3-0	(a15)	2-0	(a 8)	0-0	(h 4)	2-2	(a12)	0-2
18 Southend	(a 8)	3-4	(h 4)	2-0	(a 1)	0-1	(a13)	2-2	(a15)	2-2
19 Swindon	(h10)	1-1	(a17)	0-3	(h 5)	2-1	(h 2)	4-2	(h 9)	2-1
20 Torquay	(h17)	1-1	(a 5)	1-0	(h 3)	0-2	(h21)	0-1	(h 6)	1-3
21 Walsall	(a14)	0-0	(h13)	1-0	(a12)	1-2	(a20)	1-0	(a 4)	1-2
22 Watford	(h 9)	4-2	(a 6)	3-5	(h10)	0-0	(h 5)	4-1	(h16)	4-1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)										
1 Accrington	(h12)	0-0	(a10)	1-4	(a22)	2-2	(h17)	0-5	(a18)	1-2
2 Barnsley	(a12)	1-0	(h22)	1-0	(a21)	1-1	(h10)	2-0	(a17)	1-2
3 Barrow	(h 9)	4-4	(a19)	1-4	(a 5)	0-3	(h18)	4-1	(a12)	2-1
4 Bradford C.	(h17)	3-0	(a18)	0-2	(a20)	2-2	(h22)	6-0	(a 5)	2-0
5 Carlisle	(a16)	0-6	(h11)	1-2	(h 3)	3-0	(a15)	3-2	(h 4)	0-2
6 Chester	(a17)	2-5	(h18)	1-4	(a 9)	1-4	(a 7)	2-0	(a 8)	3-3
7 Crewe	(h16)	1-2	(a11)	0-0	(h15)	7-1	(h 6)	0-2	(h13)	0-1
8 Darlington	(h 1)	3-0	(a 2)	1-7	(h16)	3-3	(h15)	3-0	(h 6)	3-3
9 Doncaster	(a15)	4-1	(a 3)	4-4	(h 6)	4-1	(h18)	1-0	(h20)	3-1
10 Gateshead	(a20)	2-3	(h 1)	4-1	(h16)	0-2	(a 2)	0-2	(h15)	0-3
11 Halifax	(a19)	0-1	(h 7)	0-0	(a 5)	2-1	(a12)	0-1	(a21)	2-3
12 Hartlepool	(h20)	4-2	(a 1)	0-0	(h 2)	0-1	(h11)	1-0	(h 3)	1-2
13 Hull	(a21)	2-4	(h22)	2-0	(a17)	0-4	(a 9)	0-1	(a 7)	1-0
14 Lincoln	(a10)	0-4	(h21)	8-3	(a22)	3-1	(a18)	3-1	(a19)	1-4
15 New Brighton	(h19)	1-1	(a 7)	1-7	(a 8)	0-3	(h 5)	2-3	(a10)	3-0
16 Oldham	(h 5)	6-0	(a 8)	3-3	(a10)	2-0	(h21)	4-2	(a22)	1-4
17 Rochdale	(a 4)	0-3	(h13)	4-0	(h19)	0-1	(a 1)	5-0	(h 2)	2-1
18 Rotherham	(a 6)	4-1	(h 4)	2-0	(h14)	1-3	(a 3)	1-4	(h 1)	2-1
19 Southport	(h11)	1-0	(a15)	1-1	(h 3)	4-1	(a17)	1-0	(h14)	4-1
20 Stockport	(a12)	2-4	(h10)	3-2	(a21)	1-2	(h 4)	2-2	(a 9)	1-3
21 Wrexham	(a14)	3-8	(h20)	2-1	(h 2)	1-1	(a16)	2-4	(h11)	3-2
22 York	(h14)	1-3	(a 2)	0-1	(h 1)	2-2	(a 4)	0-6	(h16)	4-1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)										
1 Aberdeen	(h11)	1-2	(a14)	1-1	(a16)	6-3	(h 2)	2-1	(a17)	2-5
2 Albion	(h 9)	0-1	(a11)	2-4	(h 6)	3-0	(a 1)	1-2	(a16)	1-1
3 Arbroath	(a19)	1-1	(h 5)	0-2	(h 4)	1-4	(a18)	1-3	(h18)	3-1
4 Ayr	(h18)	0-0	(a 7)	1-3	(h 3)	4-1	(a19)	1-2	(a22)	2-3
5 Celtic	(h12)	1-3	(a 3)	2-0	(h10)	5-4	(a18)	1-1	(h19)	3-2
6 Clyde	(a17)	0-2	(h 8)	4-3	(a 2)	0-3	(h 9)	2-6	(a11)	4-1
7 Falkirk	(a22)	2-2	(h 4)	3-1	(a19)	2-1	(h12)	2-1	(a 9)	3-2
8 Hamilton	(h14)	1-0	(a 6)	3-4	(h15)	8-1	(h17)	2-1	(a 9)	3-2
9 Hearts	(a 2)	1-0	(a18)	2-1	(h11)	2-1	(a 6)	6-2	(h 8)	2-3
10 Hibernian	(h13)	1-2	(h19)	6-1	(a 6)	4-5	(h20)	1-1	(a12)	2-3
11 Kilmarnock	(a 1)	2-1	(h 2)	4-2	(a 8)	1-2	(a15)	5-1	(h 6)	1-4
12 Motherwell	(a 5)	3-1	(h20)	5-1	(a18)	1-2	(a 7)	1-2	(h10)	3-3
13 Partick	(a10)	2-1	(h18)	1-4	(a20)	4-2	(h 3)	3-1	(a 7)	5-2
14 Queen O.S.	(a 8)	0-1	(h 1)	1-1	(a17)	1-4	(h16)	4-2	(h15)	3-2
15 Queen's Park	(a16)	5-4	(h17)	2-3	(a 8)	1-3	(h11)	1-5	(a14)	2-3
16 Raith	(h15)	4-5	(h 9)	1-2	(a 1)	3-6	(a14)	2-4	(h 2)	1-1
17 Rangers	(h 6)	2-0								

SOUTH CHINA'S TOURING TEAM FOR SAIGON

The following will represent South China Athletic Association on their soccer tour to Saigon. The team will leave Hong Kong on January 2 and is expected to return by January 21.

Cheung Wing-choi and Choo Siu-hung (goal-keepers); Lee Ting-sang, Mak Shui-hon and Lau Wai-pui (backs); Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chiu, Lam Tak-po and Lee Kwok-wai (halves); Yeung Shui-yick, Tang Kwong-sum, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee, Lau Chung-sang and Lau Tau-mau.

RECREIO'S CRICKET ELEVEN

The following will represent Club de Recreio first eleven in a friendly match against Central British School at King's Park to-morrow, commencing 2 p.m.

H. M. Xavier (Capt.), E. A. R. Alves, E. M. L. Soares, A. J. M. Prata, A. M. Remedios, L. G. Gosano, R. Soares, P. A. Yvanovich, Jr., M. Mendona, G. N. Gosano and A. N. Other.

MACAO TO MEET

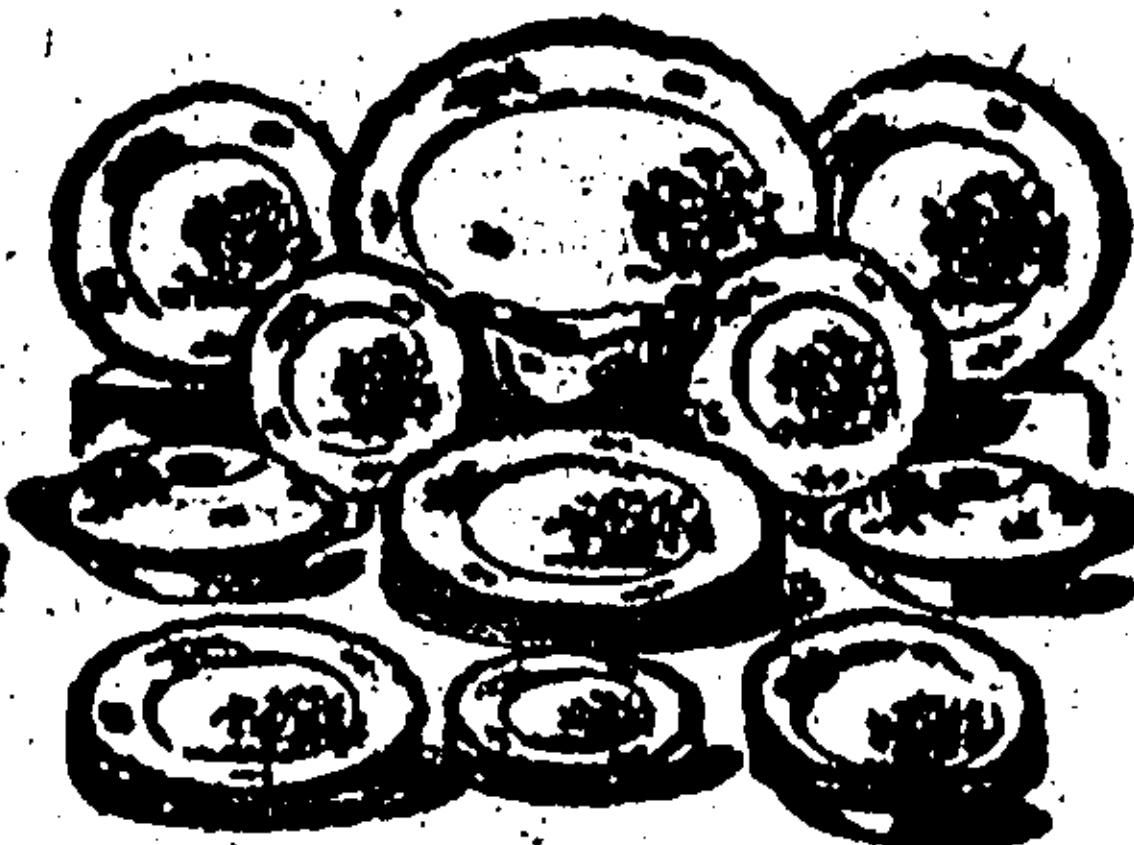
ARMY IN H.K.

Macao will send a hockey team to Hong Kong to play the Army on February 5 at Sookunpoo, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first round of the Army Large Units knock-out competition takes place to-day. The Combined Small Units will play the Kumaon Rifles on the Marina at 4 p.m.

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6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) You and me; (b) There's honey on the moon to-night; (c) Foolin' myself; (d) Joseph! Joseph!
6.14 p.m.—Record: Prairie Romeo (Carlton); There's Only Five Bullets in My Old Six Shooter (Roberts); Bob Mallin & His Guitar.
6.21 p.m.—(a) Where in the world; (b) Santa Claus is comin' to town; (c) I've got a date with a Dream (d) Don't cross your fingers, Cross your Heart.
6.35 p.m.—Record: Cinema Memories Organ Solo by Quentin M. Maclean.
6.44 p.m.—(a) Moonlight and Shadows; (b) Volga Boatman Swing; (c) To-night we love; (d) China-Town.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—A Spanish Programme including songs by Conchita Supervia and Albeniz Suite Iberia.
Suite Iberia (Albeniz)..... Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos.
Sentir Gitano (Moro-de-Aquino-Munoz Arenillas); Un Barberillo Alegre (Media-Villa-Prade)..... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra.
Danza Espanola—No. 6 (Granados)..... Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos.
Goyescas — Intermezzo (Granados)..... Pablo Casals ('Cello) with Piano accomp. by N. Mednikoff.
Lamento Borincano (Hernandez-arr. Brito)..... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra.
La Rosa Oriental (Espigul)..... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra.

7.40 p.m.—Tino Rossi (Vocal) and Orchestra Mascotte.

Souvenir De Mona Lisa—Waltz (Schebek); Idylle Passionnelle—Waltz (Razigade)..... Orchestra Mascotte.

Il Eviste Une Blonde (Gardoni-Chavoit); Paname Ville D'Amour (Gardoni-Chavoit)..... Tino Rossi (Vocal) with Orchestra.

The Last Letter—Waltz (Reggov); Twinkling Lights—Waltz Melodies (from Operette 'Der Obersteiger')..... Orchestra Mascotte.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Next week's programme.

8.08 p.m.—Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Patricia Rossborough, Harry Crouson, and Barnabas von Gezy & His Orchestra.

Six 'Hit' Medley—No. 5..... Harry Crouson (Organ) with Ken Beaumont (Vocal).

Vocal—No Strings (from 'Top Hat'); Isn't This A Lovely Day—(From 'Top Hat')..... Ginger Rogers with Victor Young & His Orchestra.

Orch.—Southern Skies (Kunneke); Red Lips (Kotscher)..... Barnabas von Gezy & His Orchestra.

Vocal—Pick Yourself Up—Fox-Trot (from 'Swing Time'); Never Gon-

na Dance (film 'Swing Time')..... Fred Astaire accomp. by Johnny Green's Orchestra with Johnny Green at the Piano.

Piano—I Dream Too Much—Selection; Limelight—Selection..... Patricia Rossborough.

Orch.—Free And Easy (Porschmann); Gipsy Wine (Ritter)..... Barnabas von Gezy & His Orch.

Vocal—Gertrude Lawrence Medley..... Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Orch.—Siciliana (Apollonio); Blue Skies (Rixer)..... Barnabas von Gezy & His Orchestra.

Organ & Piano—By The Waters Of

Minnetonka (Lieurance); Bird Songs At Eventide (Eric Coates); H. Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough.

9 p.m.—London Relay — 'Food for Thought'. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 p.m.—Three songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

When Song Is Sweet (Sans-Souci); Father O'Flynn (Graves, arr. Villiers Stanford); Rocked In The Cradle Of The Deep (Willard & Knight)..... with Orchestra.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Boccherini—Concerto In B Flat Major. Pau Casals ('Cello) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Under The Red Duster'. Life in the Mercantile Marine. A dramatised sound-picture of life in the British Mercantile Marine, composed of real-life stories by working seamen. Produced by Laurence Gilliam.

11 p.m.—Close down.

BITTER COLD HOLDS UP MAILS

Imperial Airways in Hong Kong have received a telegram from the London office stating that severe weather conditions in Europe and frozen intermediate stations in France may result in some delay in the disposing of the Christmas mails.

The telegram refers to outward-bound mail.

The Post Office in London yesterday indicated that as a result of the freeze-up in England which has paralysed communications for days, there can be no guarantee of completion of Christmas deliveries by Christmas Day.

Some parts of the country are still completely isolated, though yesterday afternoon there were signs of a thaw.

DALADIER GETS SECOND VOTE

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, secured a second vote of confidence in the Chamber last evening.

The voting, according to lobby estimates, was 322 votes to 265, with 23 abstentions.

The Government asked for the vote on a clause of Article Two of the Finance Bill, with regard to the margin of immunity to be allowed to workers for payment of the two per cent. levy on earnings.

Demanding the first vote, M. Daladier intimated that he was prepared to go as far as possible to meet all objections to the taxes and to the two per cent. levy on incomes, provided the total revenue was not affected.—Reuter.



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A TRANSFERRED SQUEEZE

For some time in our articles we have been referring to Walter Malowan as secretary of the Regency Club. Actually, he is treasurer, and we promised to make public correction when he gave us a particularly fine hand. Accordingly, Mr. Malowan promptly produced a transferred Vienna Coup — one of the few we have ever seen.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 10 5 2
 ♥ K 10 9
 ♦ 9 8 6 3
 ♣ K 4
 ♠ J 8 7 6
 ♥ J 6 5 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ 7 5 3
 ♠ Q 9
 ♥ A Q 8 7
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ Q J 10 6
 ♠ K 4 3
 ♥ A K Q J 10 7 5
 ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ Mr. Malowan

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
10	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

While Mr. Malowan's final jump to seven diamonds was slightly optimistic, he did feel he had a good play for it and was slightly disappointed when he saw the

dummy. The deuce of hearts was opened. Mr. Malowan played dummy's nine, East played the Queen, and Mr. Malowan trumped, laid down the Ace of trumps and then played three rounds of clubs, trumping the last one in dummy.

He now took quick stock of the hand and saw that the only possibility for making the contract lay in a squeeze in hearts and spades. In order for this squeeze to be successful, it was necessary to find one opponent with four spades and the other with two, and to decide which opponent held the four spades. The deuce of hearts lead had marked West with four hearts. Hence East held six. Therefore it was much more likely that if either opponent held four spades, it would be West. Accordingly Mr. Malowan planned his squeeze against West, and in order to make the squeeze effective, had to establish a high heart in the West hand. This was accomplished by playing the King of hearts from dummy, forcing out East's Ace, and making West's Jack of hearts high. Now Mr. Malowan simply ran down his trumps, discarding down to Ace and one spade and the ten of hearts in dummy. West had to hold the Jack of hearts and was therefore forced to throw away two spades, whereupon all Mr. Malowan's spades were good and the contract was fulfilled!

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife." When a high spirited, but romantic young French girl discovers that her millionaire American hubby has tossed aside seven previous spouses, she sets out to show him a side of marriage he had not bargained for. An Ernst Lubitsch production with Claudette Colbert, Gary Cooper, David Niven, Edward Everett Horton, Elizabeth Patterson and Herman Bing.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Rich Man, Poor Girl," with Robert Young, Lew Ayres and Ruth Hussey. The season's gayest romance from the great Broadway hit.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Non-Stop New York." A swiftly paced tale of love and villainy 10,000 feet in air, that is packed with more hair-raising thrills than any picture for months.

With Anna Lee, John Loder, Desmond Tester, Frank Cellier and Francis Sullivan.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Crowd Roars." Robert Taylor and Maureen O'Sullivan together again in a fast moving story of the prize-fighting ring. Even better than "A Yank at Oxford."

AT THE KING'S—"Of Human Hearts," with Walter Huston, James Stewart and Guy Kibbee. The most beautiful and human of love stories.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"White Banners." Another powerful down-to-earth drama by the author of "Magnificent Obsession" and "Green Light." With a brilliant cast headed by Claude Rains, Bonita Granville, Jackie Cooper and Fay Bainter in a role that puts her in line for the Academy Award of 1938.



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The first Supper will be served at 11.15 o'clock p.m. (approx.) and all those desiring to participate therein should be seated in good time before this hour. No reservation of Supper Tables may be made.

Members and Guests are requested to note particularly that **ADMISSION TO THE BALL WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY AND THAT THESE CANNOT BE OBTAINED AT THE DOOR OF THE HOTEL.**

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Thursday, the 29th. December, 1938 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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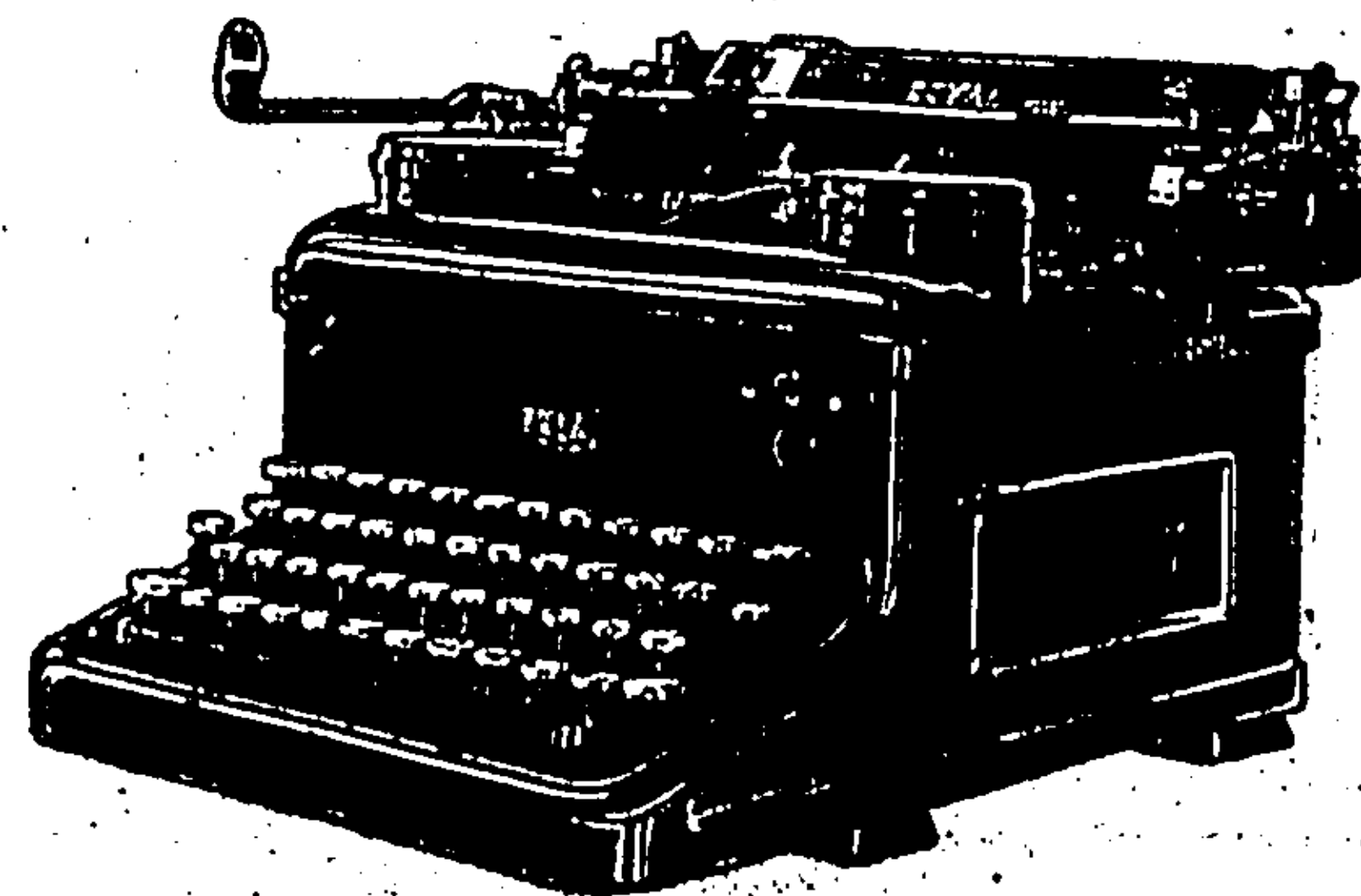
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BRITISH BOXER FUND FOR SCIENCE

Chungking, To-day.

The Board of Trustees for the Administration of the Boxer Indemnity Fund remitted by the British Government has made plans for sending three investigation groups into far-off Chinese provinces.

One group will cover Szechwan and Sikong, another to north-western provinces of Chinghai, Ninghsia and Kansu and the third to the southwestern provinces of Kweichow, Kwangsi and Yunnan.

Each group will be composed of 50 members and will be divided into five sections; geology, physics and chemistry, economy, social science, and agriculture and forestry. The investigators will be drafted from university graduates.

Budget for each group is temporarily set at \$50,000.

Besides the investigation groups, the Board will also provide for 125 research assistants to be placed in the various universities. They will work in laboratories.—Central News.

A 55-year-old widow, Tam Yee, was sent to Queen Mary Hospital, yesterday with injuries to the eyes caused when an unknown Chinese threw a cracker near her in Sai Street.

GERMAN HINT TO PRAGUE

Berlin, To-day.

Germany will not expect members of the Czech minority in Germany to do military service nor is it permissible that Sudeten Germans living in Czecho-Slovakia be recruited for service in the Czech army, states the "Berliner Tageblatt."

During recent weeks, according to the paper, the Czech military authorities have summoned Sudeten Germans of Czech nationality to a hearing because they did not present themselves for military service during the September crisis.

Such action the paper characterises as violation of the Munich agreement.—Trans-Ocean.

AIR RAID WARDENS

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that as a result of the Air Raid Warden Examination held on the 16th and 18th December, 1938, the under-mentioned passed as Air Raid Warden Instructors:—

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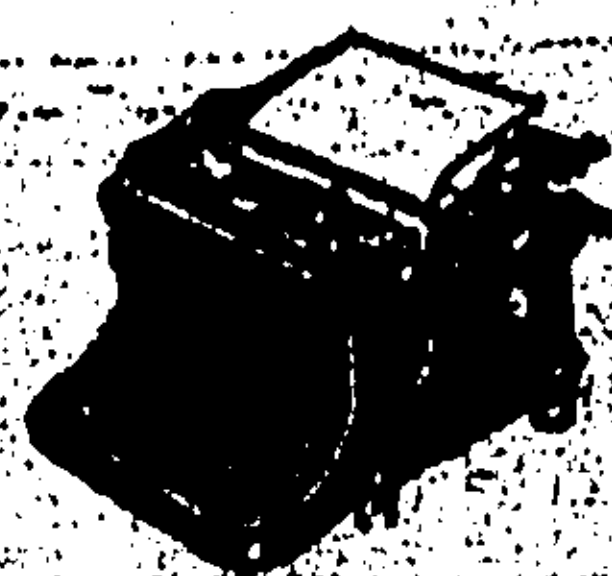
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Los Angeles, To-day.

Colonel Martin Snyder, ex-husband of the film star, Ruth Etting, was yesterday convicted of attempting the murder of Myrl Alderman, the film star's present husband.

Sentence of up to twenty years imprisonment can be imposed.

Snyder was found not guilty on other charges, including an attempt to murder both Ruth Etting and their daughter, Edith Snyder.—Reuter.

Ma Sui-tam, residing at room No. 303, Chung Wah Boarding house, has reported that between midnight and 3 a. m. her room was entered by an unlocked door and \$94.60 and a Canadian Passport stolen.

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